

6. Protection policy for children and young people

This policy describes how the Swedish Red Cross Youth takes responsibility for ensuring that all children and young people who participate in or are involved with our activities are safe. The safety and wellbeing of children and young people must come first. What is in the best interests of children and young people must be decided on in each individual case, where we must always consider the individual's own opinions, conditions, needs and experiences.

Protection from threats and violence

- We act against all forms of violence, abuse, and threats against and between children and young people in our activities.
- Violence or threats against children and young people that arise in connection with our activities must be reported to the police.
- We pay special attention to children under the age of 18 as a group with special rights and the need for protection under the Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- We consider that children and young people have different vulnerabilities and protection needs based on, among other things, age, functional variation, gender, sexuality, ethnicity, and socio-economic background.

Children and young people's participation

- Children and young people must agree to participate in activities.
- Children and young people must be involved when activities that affect them are planned, implemented, and evaluated. They must be listened to and given the opportunity to influence the design of the activity.
- Activities must be planned, implemented, and continuously evaluated with a focus on the best interests, needs and safety of children and young people.
- The evaluations will be used to adapt activities to best meet the different needs of children and young people.

Integrity of children and young people

- No one may be photographed without consent. Pictures of participants in activities may never be published on volunteers' personal accounts on social media or the like.
- Participants have the right to be anonymous and volunteers should not ask for their personal or contact information.

The responsibility of volunteers and employees towards children and young people

- To volunteer with or be employed by the Swedish Red Cross Youth, volunteers and employees must present a valid extract from the workload register (extract for children in activities other than school and social services) and sign a confidentiality agreement.
- Volunteers and employees must be aware that they are in a special position of power and influence over children and young people, something that must not be abused.

- Volunteers and employees should never give out information about participants in our activities.
- Volunteers and employees must engage without counterclaims from those who participate in activities.
- If you are aware of or worried about someone being in trouble, please refer to our special routines for this, which are available at www.rkuf.se.