

California Assembly Bill AB506, enacted in 2021, established child abuse prevention protocols for youth-serving organizations like Girl Scouts. This law requires both mandated reporter training and DOJ Live Scan background checks for all volunteers who are 18 years of age or older and who have direct contact with, or supervision of, children for more than 16 hours a month or 32 hours per year. Fulfilling this requirement not only ensures the safety of our Girl Scouts and volunteers but is legally required.

Q: What is the process for fulfilling AB506's training requirements?

A: This is an easy 5 step process.

1. Log in to GS Learn (through [MyGS](#) if a volunteer or through Okta if Council Staff).
<https://mygs.girlscouts.org>
2. Complete the GSUSA Girl Scouts Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention training (approx. 50 minutes).
3. Obtain Live Scan Form from: [GSCCC Live Scan Form](#)
4. Visit a DOJ Live Scan location. <https://oag.ca.gov/fingerprints/locations>

Q: I am already required to take mandated reporter training through my employer (or other youth organization where I also volunteer). Do I have to take the training again?

A: Yes, this training is tailored specifically for Girl Scouts, which is why we will no longer be able to accept Mandated Reporter training from other organizations or providers.

Q: Where did this Girl Scouts Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention training come from?

A: Palmer & Cay worked with Girl Scouts of Greater LA, who generously shared the original training created for California, a strict mandated reporter state, and developed the content for a national reiteration. GSUSA then created the current version to align with Girl Scout national policies and procedures in collaboration with Palmer & Cay, ensuring that training content will be acceptable training by insurance carriers.

Q: Why are there multiple components involved in this mandated reporter training?

A: The GSUSA Girl Scouts Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention training Course is required every 2 years by California State Assembly Bill 506. The Mandatory Reporter Acknowledgment form electronic signature is required annually by our insurance company.

Q: Is there any cost associated with the Mandated Reporter training?

A: No, there is no cost associated when completed the GSUSA Girl Scouts Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention training.

Q: Is there any cost associated with the DOJ Live Scan?

A: There is no cost associated with completing the DOJ Live Scan if completed prior to May 2025 as GSCCC has received a grant which allows us to reimburse volunteers for this cost. If completed after May 2025, the volunteer will be required to pay for this service which will vary based on the provider chosen.

Q: When is the due date for taking the Girl Scouts Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention training course?

A: Current volunteers who work directly with youth should take the training course as soon as possible.

Q: By taking this training does this mean that I am required to report child abuse?

A: Volunteers have an important role in protecting children from abuse and neglect. As a Girl Scout Volunteer, our Volunteer Policy and Safety Guidelines require you to report abuse to the appropriate authorities.

Q: What do I do if I suspect abuse or neglect?

A: Use the [Volunteer Mandated Reporter Tip Sheet](#) for a review of possible warning signs and steps to take if you suspect abuse or neglect.

Q: Why is it required to complete the Girl Scouts Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention training and sign off on the Acknowledgment?

A: Completing the training ensures compliance with California State law, helps protect the children, and fulfills our insurance requirements. It also equips you with the knowledge and tools needed to identify and report any incidents of abuse or neglect, ensuring the safety and well-being of all members.