



Bobcat Requirements

Helping your son learn to apply these personal safety rules can be approached in the same non-frightening way you teach him not to play with fire or to look both ways when he crosses the street. Discussing the following situations with

your son offers an opportunity for you to help your child learn how to apply the rules and to complete a requirement for his Bobcat award—the first step in his Cub Scout advancement.

Fulfilling these requirements completes requirement 8 on the Bobcat trail.

“What if . . .” Situations and Applicable Safety Rules

What if you are playing in your yard and your neighbor asks you to help carry groceries into his house? What should you do?

- *Check first with a parent or other trusted adult before you change plans, go anywhere, or accept anything from anyone.*

What if you are camping with a relative and he suggests that you allow him to take your picture when you are not wearing clothes? What do you do?

- Tell your relative that you do not want to have your picture taken. *(It is your body and you have the right to say no to anyone who tries to touch you in places covered by your swimming suit or to do things that you think are wrong.)*
- Tell your parents when you return home what happened. *(Tell a trusted adult anytime you are hurt, scared, or made to feel uncomfortable.)*

What if you are playing at a friend’s house and his older brother and some of his friends invite you to join a club? To join the club you are expected to take off all your clothes and wrestle with them. Your friend wants to join.



What do you do?

- Tell your friend it's time for you to go home; leave immediately. (*It's your body and you have the right to say no to anyone who wants to touch you in places covered by your swimming suit or to do things that you think are wrong.*)
- When you get home, explain to your parents what happened. (*Tell a trusted adult anytime you are hurt, scared, or made to feel uncomfortable.*)

What if a neighbor comes to you and says your mother is sick and you must go with him? This neighbor is not a person you have been told it's OK to go with. What would you do?

- *Check first with a parent or other trusted adult before you change plans, go anywhere, or accept anything from anyone.*
 - If at school, go to the principal or your teacher for help and verification.
 - If at home or somewhere else, call the emergency number—parents' employers, close relative—for help and verification.
 - Don't go anywhere without checking with someone in authority whom you have been told to contact in this kind of situation.

What if you are in a public restroom and someone tries to touch your private parts? What do you do?

- Yell "STOP THAT" as loudly as you can and run out of the room as quickly as possible. (*It's your body and you have the right to say no to anyone who tries to touch you in places covered by your swimming suit or to do things that you think are wrong.*)
- Tell your parent, a police officer, a security guard, or other adult (such as your teacher) what happened. (*Tell a trusted adult anytime you are hurt, scared, or made to feel uncomfortable.*)



What if you are walking to school in the rain and a car stops and the driver asks if you want a ride? What do you do?

- Stay away from the car; you do not need to go close to the car to answer.
- Unless you have your parent's permission to ride with the person, say "No, thank you." If the driver persists, say "No!" (*Check first with a parent or other trusted adult before you change plans, go anywhere, or accept anything from anyone.*)
- Tell your teacher when you get to school, and tell your parent when you get home. (*Tell a trusted adult anytime you are hurt, scared, or made to feel uncomfortable.*)

What if you are playing on the playground and an adult comes up to you and asks you to help find his or her lost puppy? What do you do?



- Adults should ask other adults for help. Tell the person you have to ask for permission. (*Check first with a parent or other trusted adult before you change plans, go anywhere, or accept anything from anyone.*)
- Tell your parent what happened. (*Tell a trusted adult anytime you are hurt, scared, or made to feel uncomfortable.*)

What if your babysitter asks you to sit on her lap while she reads a story and shows you pictures of naked people?

- Tell her no. (*You have the right to say no to anyone who wants you to do things that you think are wrong.*)
- Tell your parent what happened. (*Tell a trusted adult anytime you are hurt, scared, or made to feel uncomfortable.*)

What if you're using the Internet and a pop-up asks you to fill out a form with your name, address, birth date, and telephone number to win a prize?

- Do not give out personal information on the Internet. You never can tell how it will be used or even who will get it. (*Check first with a parent or other trusted adult before you change plans, go anywhere, or accept anything from anyone.*)

