

Cookie Activity

SAFETY GUIDELINES

Every parent and guardian knows that the world can be a scary place. The good news for Girl Scout families is that girls' safety has been a priority within the Girl Scout organization since it was founded in 1912.

By following safety basics, parents and volunteers can ensure that the cookie sale activity is not only a fun learning experience for girls, but also a safe one.

- **Show You're a Girl Scout.** Wear the Girl Scout membership pin and/or Girl Scout clothing to identify you as a Girl Scout.
- **Buddy Up.** Always use the buddy system. It's not just safe, it's more fun!
- **Be Streetwise.** Become familiar with the areas and neighborhoods where you will be selling Girl Scout Cookies. Avoid accepting anything larger than a twenty-dollar bill.
- **Partner with Adults.** Adults must accompany Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies and Juniors whenever they are taking orders for, selling, or delivering cookies. Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors must be supervised by an adult when selling door to door and must never sell alone. Adults should be present at a cookie booth in any public place at all times with the girls.
- **Plan Ahead.** Always have a plan for safeguarding money—avoid walking around with large amounts of it or keeping it at home or school. Give proceeds to supervising adults to deposit as directed by your Girl Scout council as soon as possible.
- **Do Not Enter.** Never enter the home of a person when you are selling or making deliveries. Never go up to a car on a street or follow a customer into a building or alley.
- **Sell in the Daytime.** Sell only during daylight hours, unless accompanied by an adult.
- **Keep the Selling in Person.** Girl Scouts (or Girl Scout adults) can not sell cookies on the Internet. Girls can use e-mail to promote the cookie activity to family and friends or post information about Girl Scout cookies on the group's Web site. Make the sale in person.
- **Protect Privacy.** Girls' names, addresses, or e-mail addresses should never be given out to customers. Instead, a designated adult's telephone and/or group e-mail overseen by an adult is given for reorders or complaints.
- **Be Safe on the Road.** Always follow safe pedestrian practices, especially when crossing at intersections or walking along roadways. Be aware of traffic when unloading cookies and passengers from vehicles.
- **Follow the Council Lead.** This includes booth sale guidelines, sale dates, donation programs, etc. Know who to call if you encounter a problem or issue.

Be sure to check for any Girl Scout safety guideline updates at www.girlscouts.org under Girl Scout Central: Cookies.