

Troop Mobile Phone Policy

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The use of Mobile Phones by Young People at Scouts can be useful when certain activities are taking place. Scouts must agree to the rules of use and complete the online form to acknowledge this at <https://bit.ly/4jwLNr6> .

It would be useful if you installed the What Three Words app as this can be used to identify your location when required.

AT NO POINT WILL THE 48TH FIFE (DALGETY BAY) SCOUT GROUP BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY THEFT DAMAGE OR MISUSE OF ANY PERSON'S MOBILE PHONE. WE DO NOT HOLD INSURANCE FOR MOBILE PHONES.

ALL YOUNG PEOPLE BRING THEIR MOBILE PHONES AT THEIR OWN RISK.

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1. Phones on silent and out of sight of sight when not using them for a practical reason a during the session, camp, or activity. Leaders will tell you when you can use your phone.
2. Phones are always the responsibility of the owner.
3. The group will not be held responsible for any charges or costs and Scouts must be aware of their contract entitlement and what falls outside of this that may incur costs.
4. No Scout can set their device as a hotspot and allow others to leach.
5. Respect each other's phones.
6. Do not take photographs or videos of people without their permission.
7. Do not use phones inappropriately. For example, phones are not to be used to view inappropriate material; Scouts should not partake in any activity which may be viewed as bullying by any party; Scouts should not post or converse about Scouts on any social media channel without written permission
8. For certain events and in certain circumstances the leaders may request that individual, some or all phones are handed in for safekeeping and returned at the Leaders' discretion or at the end of the event. This may include, but not be limited to, being on safety grounds where complete attention is required or where incidents of misuse have been identified.
9. In an emergency where no leader is present contact the leader in charge. If emergency services are needed contact them on 999.

Do not contact parents – this is the duty of leaders.
10. Failure to follow any of the above may mean your phone is removed from you and you will not be allowed your phone at Scouts any further.
11. By no means should having a mobile phone at Scouts be considered essential.