

Resource:
SAFE GUIDE COMPLIANCE: DOOR TO DOOR ACTIVITIES
(Cookie Selling, Bottle Drives, Food Bank Drives)

Safe Guide compliance is required for all GGC activities.

The practise of gathering the girls together, handing out maps, money float and cookies to parents, assigning girls to vehicles and sending them off to sell cookies or collect bottles or food and return to you at a set time is NOT in compliance with Safe Guide.

This may be the way it 'has been done in the past' however, should there be an incident GGC may not be able to support you or the other Guiders in your unit.

We hope this document will offer you support as you plan your next successful and Safe Guide compliant cookie drive, bottle drive, or other door to door activity.

Please send your questions to any-safeguideadviser@girlguides.ca

Going door to door to and from a central meeting spot
This would be considered a green level event

- Ratio of screened adults to girls as per Safe Guide page 25.
- Brownies and Sparks must be accompanied to the door of the houses (page 64)
- Non Member volunteers with PRC must be under the supervision of a Member (Guider) at all times. Not holding hands 😊 but a Guider needs to be in the same vicinity of the non-member and able to check in with them on a regular basis throughout the event. Female non member volunteers with PRC can be counted in ratio. Male non member volunteers cannot be counted in ratio.
- Unscreened adults (such as parents of the girls) who have volunteered in the unit less than twice can attend and accompany their daughter and other girls however, they must be within sight of a Member (Guider) at all times. They cannot be counted in ratio. If they have volunteered more than 2 times, it's time for them to become a non- member volunteer with PRC or not participate.
- The RG completes a SG.4 (Emergency Response Plan) and circulates it to all adults attending. She also lets her DC know of the activity so that the DC can lend a hand if needed.

PUTTING THIS INTO PRACTISE:

SPARKS AND BROWNIES cookie selling:

One way to implement this might be:

- Guider and unscreened parent on one side of the street with 4 girls.

- 2 girls go up to door with the Guider, 2 girls go up to the next door with the unscreened parent or non member with PRC. Meet back on the sidewalk and move to next 2 houses.
- Across the street could be 2 more adults and 4 more girls; the Guider is able to 'supervise' (and attest to what happened at the event) at all times.

GUIDES, PATHFINDERS, RANGERS cookie selling: as these girls can go to the door without an adult, as long as the Guider is accompanying them (standing on the sidewalk), this is still GREEN. Across the street can be a non- member volunteer with PRC or an unscreened adult who has not volunteered more than 2 times.

The required ratio of supervisors to girls must be met at all times; remember, only female adults can be counted in ratio and these must be either Members (Guiders) or Non-Member Volunteers with PRC. Adults who do not have these credentials cannot be counted in ratio.

Note: Pathfinders and Rangers can be briefly unaccompanied in small groups during an activity. This makes the event YELLOW so you will need to follow the requirements for yellow level activities.

We hope this will assist you as you plan your next door to door activity.

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