

# Safety Tips for Product Programs

The following safety tips are adapted from the Girl Scout publications “Volunteer Essentials”, “Risk Management at Girl Scout Councils” and the “Safety Activity Checkpoints”. For more detailed information on these and other safety practices and procedures, please refer to the aforementioned publications

These safety tips should be shared and discussed with all girls prior to any product sales. They should also be reviewed periodically with the girls, as necessary.

1. **Show you're a Girl Scout**—Wear a Girl Scout membership pin, uniform or Girl Scout clothing (e.g. a Girl Scout T-Shirt) to clearly identify yourself as a Girl Scout.
2. **Use the Buddy System**—Always use the buddy system. It's not just safe, it's fun.
3. **Be streetwise**—Become familiar with the areas and neighborhoods where you will be selling Girl Scout products. Contact your local police department if you're unsure about an area or neighborhood.
4. **Partner with adults**—Adults must accompany Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies and Juniors when they are taking orders, selling or delivering product. Girls in grades 6-12 must be supervised by an adult when selling door-to-door and must never sell alone. Adults must be present at all time during cookie booth sales.
5. **Plan ahead**—Be prepared for emergencies, and always have a plan for safeguarding money.
6. **Do not enter**—Never enter the home or vehicle of a person when you are selling or making deliveries. Avoid selling to people in vehicles, except at designated drive-thru cookie booths, or going into alleys.
7. **Sell in the daytime**—Sell only during daylight hours, unless accompanied by an adult.
8. **Protect privacy**—Girls' names, home addresses or email addresses should never be given out to customers. Protect customer privacy by not sharing their information except as necessary for the product sale.
9. **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 product and passengers from vehicles.
10. **Be Net wise**—The Girl Scout Cookie Program is a girl-led program and online marketing sales efforts should always be led by a girl while also being supervised by her parents/guardians. Girls engaging in online sales and marketing must review and apply the Digital Marketing Tips for Cookie Entrepreneurs and Their Families. Girls, volunteers and parents must adhere to all Safety Activity Checkpoints for Cookie and Product Sales (with the exception that they may share beyond friends and family). Girl sales links should never be posted on online resale sites (Craigslist, eBay, Facebook Marketplace, etc).

