

## Guidelines for Meeting and/or Girl Scouts Activities In the Home

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The safety and protection of girls is paramount to a fun, leadership-building experience for girls. It is essential that the volunteer understand the importance of the Girl Scout Safety Guidelines. Safety is the top priority of Girl Scouting, and girls will benefit from the safe environment that allows them to be at their best, while developing critical leadership-building skills.

The following guidelines must be met **before an approved volunteer can hold any meeting or activity** in a private home:

- ❖ Permission to Meet in the Home Application and Approval Form must be completed and approved by GSMISTS.
- ❖ Copy of current Homeowner's/Rental insurance coverage on file with GSMISTS.
- ❖ An adult who is 18 and over and living in the home has completed/ consented to a Criminal Background Check.
- ❖ Parent Permission Form for Girl to attend home meetings/Girl Scout activities in the home must be on file with the volunteer who is holding meeting/activity for each girl. In addition, parents/guardians will need to provide health-history information and permission to treat girls in an emergency.
- ❖ Adult-Volunteer-to-Girl Ratios must be met at all times. During all meetings/activities, the lead volunteer, co-volunteer(s), and other responsible approved adults designated by the lead volunteer must be present, according to the recommended ratios of girls to volunteers.
- ❖ Must meet all First-Aid Requirements as noted in the Safety Activity Checkpoints.
- ❖ Emergency evacuation plan must be created and practiced with all exit routes.