



Safe Passage Policy

**Boys & Girls Club of the Bemidji Area
Effective January of 2014**

In the interest of safety for all our Club members, the Club has adopted a Safe Passage Policy to protect children as they depart from the Club. Please review this policy with your Club member and make appropriate arrangements for picking up your Club member.

- Members under the age of 12 must be escorted from the Club by a parent, guardian or other authorized adult unless providing written permission stating otherwise.
- Members age 12 and older may leave the Club unescorted with written permission from a parent or guardian and a signed release of liability. Forms are available at the front desk.
- Members 12 and older may also escort other members of their household from the Club providing written permission.
- No member, regardless of age, will be allowed to return to the Club once they leave the premises for the day.
- Members who leave unescorted without permission will face disciplinary actions up to and including suspension and termination of membership.

The safety and protection of the children and youth that we serve is the Club's number one priority. This policy also encourages members to stay at the Club for as long as possible, rather than leave the premises unsupervised where they may be exposed to dangers beyond the control of Club staff.