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This document outlines the overall policy of Scouting Ireland in the event of occurrence of a crisis.

- The focus of this policy and any subsequent documents (e.g.: procedure(s), guideline(s), plan(s), etc....) drawn from this policy is the support and welfare of our Scouts, Scouters and Scouting Ireland as a whole.
- The definition of a “crisis” for the purposes of this policy and such subsequent documents is the occurrence of an extraordinary event which requires the immediate reaction of the Association and which could not be attended to by an officer of the Association as it falls outside that officers usual operational remit or where an officer determines that it would be inappropriate for him/her to react given the extraordinary nature of the event and where reaction is required before the next scheduled meeting of the National Management Committee or National Team for Policy Implementation and Coordination.
- The management of any crisis, especially the support of those members of Scouting Ireland involved in such a crisis, is underpinned by the principles of prevention, preparation, response, recovery and mitigation.
- The standing Crisis Management Team is defined in SID 20/11B
- Ultimately the response to a crisis involves the provision to interested parties with communications that are factual, prompt and give a correct portrayal of Scouting Ireland as a nationally organised, professionally run, youth centred association that makes a significant and sustained contribution to Irelands young people and to society in general.
- The effective management of and response to any crisis requires two fundamentals namely; (a) accurate, coherent information (b) delivered in a timely and prompt manner. This will allow those tasked to manage and response in a prompt, professional manner to the crisis itself, especially to those members of Scouting Ireland directly effected or impacted by such a crisis.