



GIRL SCOUTS OF EASTERN OKLAHOMA  
INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE USE OF  
SECURITY RATINGS FOR  
OVERNIGHT ACTIVITIES UTILIZING UNLOCKED FACILITIES

WHEN TO BE USED

This Security Rating method is to be used to determine the relative security associated with any activity that involves an overnight stay in an **unlocked, non-council owned facility**. An unlocked facility is any sleeping facility that is not secured by at least a standard, keyed or bolt type lock found on residences or an equivalent device to prevent access.

PURPOSE OF THE RATING METHOD

- o Provide reasonable and prudent security for our girls and adults while participating in an activity that involves an overnight stay in an unlocked facility.
- o Provide a practical and flexible means for the council and leaders to "build their own security package" for an activity based on the nature of the activity and the security resources available to them for the activity.
- o Provide an easy, unbiased means to evaluate the relative security available for a particular activity, even if the activity is at a location not frequently utilized by the council or troops for overnight activities.
- o Utilize modern methods of security.

DESCRIPTION OF THE RATING METHOD

This method utilizes several factors or items deemed to enhance the security for an activity. Each of the items has been assigned a relative point value, its Security Rating. The items that contribute to security are listed on the reverse side of this form. The items are grouped into categories for convenience.

HOW TO DETERMINE A SECURITY RATING FOR AN ACTIVITY

1. From the list on the reverse side of this form, determine the items that apply to the site and facilities you are planning to use. Each of these items has a security rating associated with it. In addition, note the General Requirement provision that applies to all facilities, and note the special requirement for Daisies, Brownies and Juniors in the "Adult Presence in Case of Danger" category.
2. For each item applicable to your activity, record its security rating points on the form under the column "This Activity." Note that some items are in a series, grouped as "OR" items. You may only record one security rating point value for your activity from each of the "OR" groups.
3. Total the security rating points you recorded. If the total is 14 points or more, your activity meets the security point guidelines required by the council. If it does not total at least 14 points, you must arrange to meet the requirements for a sufficient number of additional items until the total is 14 points or more. If the security rating for an overnight activity in an unlocked facility does not reach the 14 point minimum, or if the facility does not meet the General Requirement, or if Daisies, Brownies and/or Juniors are included and the special "Adult Presence in Case of Danger" requirement is not met, your request will not be considered for approval by the council.
4. In addition to meeting the minimum point total of 14 points, you also must have your activity arrangements agreed upon by leaders and parents, and approved by the council.

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## SECURITY RATINGS FOR UNLOCKED FACILITIES

GENERAL REQUIREMENT: If none of the items marked with an asterisk (\*) below apply to this activity, an adult sleeping facility must be within reasonably close proximity and in sight of each girl sleeping facility.

### Security Rating CIRCLE RATINGS THAT APPLY AND TOTAL CIRCLED NUMBERS AT BOTTOM

#### Prevention/Notification of Access by Intruders to the Immediate Site of the Troop or Group

- 2 Standard boundary fencing, i.e. 3-strand barbed wire, 4' chain link
- 3 Enhanced boundary fencing, i.e. 6' chain link or 6' 5+ strand barbed wire
- 4 8' chain link fence with 3 strand barbed wire on top
- 5 Alarm system notifying of intrusion
- 2 Locked gate deterring access to the campsite
- 3 Ranger on call

Adult Presence in Case of Danger *Activities including Daisy, Brownie and/or Junior Girl Scouts must include at least one of the items in this category marked with an asterisk (\*).*

- 1 - 2 Additional adults above Safety Activity Checkpoints and Volunteer Essentials requirements, not including any adult expected to be awake any portion of the night (maximum of 2 points, 1 per adult)
- 4 \*Adults (at least 2 unrelated females) sleeping in "quarters" with girls
- 4 Roving ranger or patrol during the dark hours (other than a resident ranger)
- 6 \*One (1) adult (in addition to adult/girl ratio adults) awake and in sight of sleeping area  
OR
- 14 \*Two (2) adults (in addition to adult/girl ratio adults) awake and in sight of sleeping area  
OR
- 14 \*Professional security obtained by the troop or group and awake and in sight of sleeping area

#### Ability to Summon Help - Telephone Communication Options (CIRCLE ONE OPTION ONLY)

- 5 Cellular phone at a site within a cellular service area and in possession of adult  
OR
- 5 Hard wire phone with 911 service and available in living quarters  
OR
- 4 Hard wire phone without 911 service and available in living quarters  
OR
- 4 Hard wire phone with 911 service and within 1 mile of the camp site and available to an adult  
OR
- 2 Hard wire OR cellular phone without 911 service, within 1 mile of camp site and available to an adult

#### Other Options (CIRCLE ONE OPTION ONLY)

- 3 Immediate access to air horn or similar device (such as an alarm bell) with reasonable expectation it would be observed/heard by multiple "neighbors" and with the expectation of response within 5 minutes  
OR
- 2 Air horn or similar device (such as an alarm bell) accessible on the site and with reasonable expectation it would be observed/heard by multiple "neighbors" and with the expectation of response within 5 minutes

#### Youngest Level of Girl Maturity

- 1 Daisy
- 0 Brownie
- 1 Junior
- 2 Cadette/Senior
- 3 Ambassador

#### Location - Relative Security

- 2 Site is accessible and/or may be occupied by the public (State and National parks, public camp grounds, etc.)
- 2 Remote or hazardous site, i.e. wilderness backpacking, rattle snake habitat, no civilization in a 5 miles radius, etc.

===== TOTAL POINTS - Must be at least 14 points