

A Guide - Taking Photos Within Girlguiding

1. Why are you taking the photo?

Think about why you want to take the photos: Memento of a memorable activity/event? Record of a Unit/District etc. milestone? To illustrate a girls particular achievement?

2. What are the photos to be used for: Posting to social media? Unit/District etc. scrapbook? Send to girls parents? Your own records? All of these? Different use perhaps needs different photos, one size many not suit all.
3. If you are taking photos of an activity you don't necessarily need to be able to identify the girls taking part. But useful to show parts of the uniform if worn.
4. Always try and get the best photo possible by thinking about the lighting and quality of the camera/photo, check the photo settings on your phone/camera. What looks good on a phone screen may not scale up to printing or viewing on a monitor.
5. Try and pose a photo, do you need lots of girls in the photo or would it look better with just one or two.
6. Take more than one photo perhaps from slightly different angles.
7. Think about the background *Trees growing out of heads or inappropriate poster?*
8. If you do need to show the girls face you must obtain photo permissions.
9. Follow the guidance in Girlguiding [Digital safeguarding policy](#) and [procedures](#).
10. Check parental permission before sharing photos or videos of young members on websites, social networking sites and other media sharing sites such as YouTube. This also applies to young members sharing their friends.
11. Avoid mentioning members' full names or including other information that could reveal their identities. Be aware that members' full names will be visible on Facebook and Twitter if you tag them, so think carefully about the content you are posting.
12. Consider disabling the ability to comment on YouTube videos. This is a great interactive feature, but it also allows users to post negative comments or abuse.

There are currently 3 different stages for photo permissions within Girlguiding:

1. I am happy for photographs/videos to be taken of my daughter during guiding activities and used in national and local guiding publicity, communications, publications or digital channels (eg websites, social media).
2. I am happy for photographs/videos to be taken of my daughter during guiding activities for use within the unit only, not used for national and local guiding publicity, communications, publications or digital channels (eg websites, social media).
3. I do not wish any photographs/videos to be taken of my daughter while she undertakes guiding activities.