



4-H Youth Safety Policy Fact Sheet 2013

*University of Nebraska-Lincoln has instituted a new Youth Activity Safety Policy
(online at <http://police.unl.edu/policies/youth-activity-safety-policy>).
The policy is similar to what 4-H has always been doing.*

CURRENT 4-H POLICY SUPPORTS THE YOUTH SAFETY POLICY

- Registered volunteers are screened every four years for child abuse and neglect charges.
- All staff and volunteers are mandatory reporters for child abuse and neglect.
- Never leave youth unsupervised.
- Avoid all one-on-one situations. No one-on-one with unrelated child and adult, staff or volunteer.
- Volunteers and staff need to complete the chaperone training before chaperoning overnight events
- There should be 1 adult present for every 10 youth. Have a minimum of 2 adults if possible.

WHAT IS NEW?

- All 4-H groups or clubs must have a First Aid and CPR plan in effect in case of an emergency.
- Transporting youth – no one on one. Volunteers need to present current license prior to driving youth for 4-H. This is for events which 4-H provides transportation — not families getting their youth to an event.
- Avoid using bathrooms with youth. (*Example staying in dorm. Don't use the showers when kids are present. Shower early or late.*)

Know how. Know now.