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.)