

**Messenger of Safety****Requirements to Earn the Patch**
 **Complete Scouting Safely V2 Training Course**
**What is it?**

An online training course that identifies key resources in Scouting Safely including insurance, incidents that need to be reported, and resources to manage enterprise risks and hazards.

**How do I do it?**

Search the training catalog at [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org).

 **Take Riskonnect Training**
**What is it?**

Riskonnect's Incident Reporting emergency portal is a tool that Scouting America uses to handle emergencies and unexpected situations.

**How do I do it?**

Training will be held monthly. Please click here for the next available training date.

Contact Vance Lackey at [Vance.Lackey@scouting.org](mailto:Vance.Lackey@scouting.org) to schedule a training session.

 **Complete Program Safely Training Courses**
**What is it?**

Online training courses including Climb on Safely, Safety Afloat, Safe Swim Defense, Hazardous Weather Training, Drive Safely, and Range Activities Safety. All must be completed.

**How do I do it?**

Search the training catalog at [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org).

 **Teach a "Safety Moment" at a unit event**
**What is it?**

Safety Moments are opportunities to prepare for an activity, review safety measures and report incidents correctly. Topics include incident reporting, safe use of medication in Scouting, weather-related safety, and so on.

**How do I do it?**

Visit <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/> to select a Safety Moment to present. *(Note the date, location and description of the event when submitting online.)*

 **Become a Merit Badge Counselor of a Safety Merit Badge**
**What is it?**

Be approved as a counselor for one (1) of these badges: Emergency Preparedness, Fire Safety, First Aid, Lifesaving, Safety, or Traffic Safety. *(You are not required to teach a badge.)*

**How do I do it?**

To become a Merit Badge complete and submit this [form](#) to the Middle Tennessee Council. *(Note which of the listed Merit Badges you are a counselor for when submitting online.)*

 **Recruit a Person to become a Messenger of Safety**
**How do I do it?**

Ask a registered adult leader to commit to become a MoS. *(Submit their name when submitting online. Note: The recruit is not required to earn the patch.)*

## Requirements to Earn the Knot



**Earn the Messenger of Safety Patch**

**Teach Riskonnect Training**

**How do I do it?**

First attend the Riskonnect Training. Next contact Vance Lackey at [Vance.Lackey@scouting.org](mailto:Vance.Lackey@scouting.org) to schedule a teaching session.

**Complete Short Term NCAP Training – Cost of \$65.00 per person.**

**What is it?**

District or Council-sponsored events with overnight camping of 1, 2, or 3 nights require a safety assessment. These "short term" events must be reviewed according to National Camp Accreditation Standards (NCAP).

**How do I do it?**

Contact the Council's NCAP Coordinator Tate Myers at [tate.myers@gmail.com](mailto:tate.myers@gmail.com) to schedule a training session.

Training will be held throughout the year. Please click here for the next available training date.

**Assess Two (2) or More Activities/Camps/Events**

**What is it?**

Participate in an in-person assessment of two (2) or more events that are either "short term" or "long term" per NCAP standards.

**How do I do it?**

Contact the Council's NCAP Coordinator Tate Myers at [tate.myers@gmail.com](mailto:tate.myers@gmail.com) to request assignment to an event. *(Note the dates, locations and description of the events when submitting online.)*

**Attend Three (3) District or Council Safety Committee Meetings**

**How do I do it?**

Contact your district's volunteer leadership or District Executive for the meeting schedule. *(Note the dates, locations and description of the meetings when submitting online.)*

**Recruit Two Additional Persons to become Messengers of Safety**

**How do I do it?**

Ask a registered adult leader to commit to become a MoS. *(Submit his or her names when submitting online. Note: The recruit is not required to earn the patch.)*

### Complete Two (2) of the Following:

**Teach a Safety related Scout Merit Badge or a Cub Adventure to Two (2) or more Scouts**

**What is it?**

As a registered counselor, teach a safety-related merit badge (see list under MoS patch requirements) to two (2) or more Scouts. *(The Scouts do not have to complete the requirements.)*

**How do I do it?**

Contact units or your district's volunteer leadership to schedule a meeting with Scouts. *(Submit the Scouts' unit number(s) when submitting online.)*

**Staff a booth or give a presentation promoting safety at a district/council or community event**

**How do I do it?**

Contact your district's volunteer leadership or district executive to find an opportunity. *(Note the date, location and description of the event when submitting online.)*

**Submit an article/video promoting safety to a unit, district, council, school, or a community social media page**

Create the content then submit it to a unit, district leadership, council staff or social media platform (It is not required that the article or video be posted, only that it be offered. Include a copy when submitting online.)

**Be Certified in One (1) of the Following Trainings:**

- CPR & AED
- Wilderness First Aid
- STOP THE BLEED

**How do I do it?**

Check online for courses and register. *(Submit your current certification with the application.)*

## General Q&A

### **Can I buy additional patches and knots?**

No, not at this time.

### **Where do I submit questions or suggestions regarding the MoS program?**

Contact Vance Lackey at [Vance.Lackey@scouting.org](mailto:Vance.Lackey@scouting.org).

### **Is the knot approved by the National office?**

MoS is a pilot program. National has approved the Middle Tennessee Council to pilot the MoS program including earning and wearing the patch and knot.

### **Is there a device for the knot?**

No, but please submit requirement suggestions to Vance Lackey at [Vance.Lackey@scouting.org](mailto:Vance.Lackey@scouting.org).

### **Why is the patch and knot mostly yellow and black?**

As prominent "safety" colors, yellow and black are a reminder of the wearer's commitment to a culture of safety.

### **What do the black-on-black letters on the patch mean?**

MTC is Middle Tennessee Council and SA is Scouting America. MTC and SA are "ghosted," meaning the thread color of the letters match the background.

### **When did MoS start?**

The program was conceived and developed in the fall of 2024 and had its first public introduction in November 2024. The official rollout was January 1, 2025.

### **Can Scouts become a MoS?**

No. MoS is a pilot program offered only to adults.

### **Can Scouters outside the Council become a MoS?**

No. MoS is a pilot program offered only to adults registered in the Middle Tennessee Council.

### **Where do I wear the patch?**

It is recommended to wear the patch on the right chest, above the pocket. Opposite side of the chest from the Universal Scout patch.

### **How do I inform the MTC I have completed the patch or knot requirement?**

Once the individual has completed the requirements, they will submit the information on a google document that is found on the MoS website.

### **How do I get the patches?**

Patches are available to be picked up at the MTC office.