

# Doing Our Best standards

The Doing Our Best standards are checklists for good quality unit guiding. They start with the Five Essentials - principles that run through the Girlguiding programme.

This poster shows some ways units put good guiding into action. Use it to add examples and ideas from your unit as well.

## THE FIVE ESSENTIALS

Ask the girls and members of your unit team what they think - and to get the full checklists with more ideas, visit

[girlguiding.org.uk/doingourbest](http://girlguiding.org.uk/doingourbest)

 WE DISCOVER, WE GROW  
**Girlguiding**

Your unit:

We like to mix up small groups and work with different people.

We spend time together as a whole group.

**Working together in small groups**

**What happens in your unit?**  
Place your ideas here.

Older girls work with younger girls to help them do activities.

We sometimes play games in teams.

We get badges and awards for trying new things and developing skills.

**A balanced and varied programme which is girl-led**

We do activities outside as well as indoors.

**What happens in your unit?**  
Place your ideas here.

Everyone gets a warm welcome to our unit.

We do lots of different types of activities.

We go on trips - and might even stay overnight.

We all get to know each other - girls, volunteers and parents.

**Caring for the individual**

**What happens in your unit?**  
Place your ideas here.

We understand what the Promise and Law mean.

All girls help to plan the programme every term.

We choose how and when to make the Promise.

**What happens in your unit?**  
Place your ideas here.

We try new things - it's OK if they don't always go to plan.

We celebrate what makes each person special.

**Sharing a commitment to a common standard**

We talk about what we like and don't like, and how we can make guiding even better.

**Encouraging self-government and decision making**

When someone is ready to move on, we help them explore the things they can do next in guiding.

We talk about how we can stay true to the Promise and Law in daily life.

We have agreed expectations for behaviour and treat each other with respect.

**What happens in your unit?**  
Place your ideas here.

Girls choose, and sometimes run, games and activities.

Turn over for checklists for keeping all members safe and making guiding the best it can be.



### Preparing for emergencies

Leaders prepare to keep everyone safe in an emergency. This means making sure there's first aid cover and adequate fire precautions - and that everyone in the unit knows what to do if there's an emergency.

### What happens in your unit?

Place your ideas here.

### Encouraging equality, diversity and inclusion

We welcome all girls and young women and give them equal chances to join and participate in our units. We make every volunteer who meets our requirements for their role feel welcome and treat them fairly.

### What happens in your unit?

Place your ideas here.

### Managing risk

Leaders complete risk assessments and constantly monitor risks to keep all events and activities as safe as possible.

### Building a strong unit team

Volunteers make sure they have the knowledge and skills needed for their role, and keep themselves up to date. Everyone in the team is supported to make a positive contribution for girls - and we recognise and celebrate these contributions.

### What happens in your unit?

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### Managing your unit's money

Leaders make sure their unit's finances are well managed and there are accurate and up-to-date accounts.

## Making guiding happen

## Safety and safeguarding

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### GDPR

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### Fulfilling volunteer roles and responsibilities

All volunteers complete the Girlguiding recruitment process for their role and follow the volunteer code of conduct.

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Place your ideas here.

### Being part of the guiding family

Unit members are proud to be part of Girlguiding. Leaders keep themselves up to date with guiding news locally, nationally and internationally, work with other units, and help to spread the word about guiding.

### Keeping member information safe

Everyone in the unit understands the importance of data protection and follows Girlguiding requirements for protecting data, keeping information up to date and using our GO system.

### Recognising and acting on safeguarding concerns

Everyone in the unit understands their role and responsibilities in keeping others safe and follow our policies and procedures. They know what to do if there are concerns about a girl, young woman or adult in Girlguiding.