



Den Meeting Guide for the **McGruff Safe Kids ID Kit**

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BEFORE THE MEETING STARTS:

Have one *McGruff Safe Kids ID Kit* for each Scout, plus practice sheets for fingerprinting and clean-up supplies (wet wipes or soap & water). Be sure to protect the fingerprint activity area from smudging.

WHILE CUB SCOUTS GATHER:

Have each Scout take a *McGruff Safe Kids ID Kit*.

OPENING

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Discuss with Scouts the importance of personal safety. Who is a “stranger,” what are the areas of potential risk (e.g. bus stops, shopping malls, parks), and what are some good rules for when you are home alone? What kinds of information should not be share on the telephone? On the internet? What is an emergency? Are there different kinds of emergencies? Whom should you call in an emergency? If you must call 911, how can you help the emergency responders (see text in the *McGruff Safe Kids ID Kit* for further info)?

ACTIVITY:

Assist the Scouts with the fingerprinting process, following the instructions in the *McGruff Safe Kids ID Kit* (be sure to save the top plastic layer over the ink strip if the kits are to be sent home for completion). Using the fingerprint samples in the kit as a guide, help your Scouts practice making their fingerprints on the practice sheets or in the practice area in the kit. If there are enough adults available to assist, help the Scouts place their fingerprints in the kit. Alternatively, replace the top plastic layer over the ink strip for completion at home with parent supervision. At the end of the activity, have the Scouts clean up.

CLOSING

Remind your Scouts to take their kits home to review & complete with their parents. Thank them for helping McGruff the Crime Dog® “Take a Bite Out of Crime!®”