

The Northern Ireland Boys' Brigade (BBNI) provides insurance cover for activities and events that are run in the name of the organisation and organised and supervised by leaders registered with BBNI.

Any person wishing to be active in a BB company (as a leader or a helper) must be registered with BBNI before they begin to work with that company. BBNI provides insurance for all BB companies which covers children and young people who are supervised by persons registered with BBNI. The cover therefore does not extend to any adult not registered with BBNI.

Public Liability and Personal Accident Insurance is provided and a certificate is circulated to companies.

### ● What is covered?

#### Activities that BB companies participate in:

Camps – NI, UK and further afield	Watersports
Camping – in tents	Dodgeball
Outings – both to outdoor and indoor venues	Volleyball
Drill	Cooking
Box work	Baking
Crafts	External organisations visiting
Games (Outdoor and Indoor)	Competitions – informal and organised through BBNI, battalions and through BBUK (hosted in NI and UK)
Football	Hiking
Badminton	Dancing
Table Tennis	Cycling
Charity projects – sponsored events, walks, cycles etc	Music
Sports and active games	Inflatables
Duke of Ed – all activities plus expeditions (may involve some girls from Girls' Brigade who are partnering with BB)	General running about, and physical activity
Outdoor Expedition – Hiking	Theme nights
Canoeing	Battalion competitions, church services and church parades
Paddleboarding	

#### Residential/Camps

All leaders/helpers attending a residential/camp, must be fully registered BBNI leaders and must have their safeguarding training up-to-date.

The leader-in-charge of any residential/camp, including stays in a church hall must be a fully registered BBNI leader, have up-to-date safeguarding training and must have one of:

1. Completed BBNI Leader Training after 1 September 2023. BBNI Leader Training includes residential/camp training.

or

2. Completed Youth Leader Training prior to September 2023 and has also completed Holiday Leadership Training/Camp Craft.

Notification of the residential/camps must be sent to BBNI via the Residential & Camp Notification Form: <https://bit.ly/BBNICamp>

Ecclesiastical have confirmed that these are acceptable however for watersports, canoeing, paddleboarding they would expect Companies to be arranging these sort of adventure activities with a third party who has their own appropriate insurance in place with the necessary qualifications.

Please ensure that activities are risk assessed and that an appropriate level of instruction by competent leaders is provided. Companies should also observe the leader/ young person ratios as detailed in the Safeguarding Policy.

### ● Anything not covered?

Abseiling, rock climbing and paint balling. If you intend to participate in these activities, you need to speak to the activity provider in advance to check insurance details. For any activities that take place at third party premises, you should ensure that they have appropriate insurance in place.

### ● Accident Reporting

Accidents occurring on BB nights or at special activities must be recorded in the company/ church accident book. If anyone requires professional medical attention, either at the time of the accident or at any time as a result of the accident, then it must be reported to BBNI using the **BBNI accident notification form**. BBNI has a duty to report these accidents to their insurers.

### ● DofE expeditions

Expeditions must take place in accordance with DofE criteria i.e. the expedition will usually take place between the end of March and the end of October.

**March – October:** Practice walks and expeditions are permitted.

**November – Feb:** Practice walks are permitted. Expeditions that involve any camping are not permitted.

### ● Special Activity Consent Forms

A specific consent form for all special activities is required as contact details, medical conditions etc may have changed during the year.

### ● **Waivers & Disclaimers**

BB Leaders, parents/carers or young people should not sign any waivers or disclaimers requested by a third party provider, where it absolves the third party of liability should an accident occur regardless of the circumstances.

### ● **Additional Insurance Cover**

The Northern Ireland Boys' Brigade provides Public Liability and Personal Accident Cover as part of membership of the organisation. Companies and battalions need to ensure that adequate insurance cover is in place for specific company or battalion needs. These may include:

- Equipment & Contents, including the risk of loss or damage whilst in transit or at camp or on expeditions
- Minibus
- Short Term Equipment / Canvas Hire
- Marine and Boating
- Travel & Medical Cover (for all overseas visits/residentials)
- Buildings Insurance (if property owner)
- Employers Liability (If employing staff)