

Circular No. 16/2011

Sub:- Safety and Security of Children – “School Protection Groups” in Schools
– Formation – regarding

In order to ensure safety of children and to curb tendency for juvenile delinquency as well as to protect children from becoming victims of illegal activities, it is suggested that wherever possible District Police Chiefs may take the initiative to form “School Protection Groups” for every school where creation of such a group is feasible. This will be purely a voluntary effort, without any compulsion on any one to form or join such a group.

School Protection Group (SPG) of each School may be chaired by either the Head of the Institution or the President of the Parent Teacher Association. The Convener of the Group can be the local Station House Officer and the Joint Convener may be a police officer designated by the SHO. The members of the group may consist of Ward Member / Ward Councillor, School student leader, two willing parents, two willing teachers, one respectable merchant of the locality, one respectable auto driver, a representative of the Jagaratha Samiti or SPC, as well as some respectable residents of the area.

The duties of SPG will be the following:

- (1) To take action to ensure traffic safety in the school area and surroundings.
- (2) To collect and communicate information regarding selling of supply of drugs and narcotic substances, pornographic material, sale of tobacco products, pan masala, alcoholic beverages, etc.
- (3) To collect information about students who go away from the school during class hours and loiter in the vicinity.
- (4) To keep watch over persons who befriend children with a view to exploiting them for illegal or immoral activities.

District Police Chiefs may seek the co-operation of the Local Bodies and Education Department officials in this regard.

**STATE POLICE CHIEF
Kerala**

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