



## Safety Notice

Author: Thierry Tournet  
Saved From : [www.scout.org](http://www.scout.org)

Please be aware that JOTA and JOTI can be attended by anybody who has radio or the Internet connection. Please read this first to protect your Scouts.

1. If you are not a member of recognised National Scout Organization:

Be aware that this is an official event of the World Organization of the Scout Movement ran by the World Scout Bureau, Geneva, Switzerland.

Any intrusion other than the objectives and the programmes of the event could make the object of a law suit.

2. If you are a member of recognised National Scout Organization and not a mandated Scout leader or not an adult:

Please ask your Scout leader or your parent to read this document and ask for advice, before you join the event.

3. If you are a member of recognised National Scout Organization and mandated Scout leader and also considered as an adult in your country, or parent/Scout leaders asked to advice Scouts,

**Please read this document carefully before letting your Scouts involved in the JOTA-JOTI.**

## for JOTA

JOTA participants must follow their local radio regulations strictly, particularly in light of the fact that operation of radio equipment is only allowed by a licensed person in many countries. The licence holder of the station is the end-responsible person for following all national regulations.

Many Scouts and leaders hold licences and have their own stations, but the majority of the JOTA participants are taking part in the events through stations operated by local radio clubs and individual radio amateurs.

## for JOTI

When young Scouts are participating in the JOTI, several things are highly recommended for their safety. The WJiC and the NJiCs are responsible for informing participants of the JOTI of the risks and advise them.

Basic 'how-to' and 'Don'ts' should be posted on the JOTI website and be included in the circulars at least.

To protect children from any risk during the event, it is strongly suggested to follow these recommendations:

- Pre-event education about the basic knowledge of the Internet, which may include: little introduction of how the Internet works, idea about copyright, risks and benefits of using the Internet.
- Supervision of adult leaders
- To not release full names (use only the first name or alias name)
- To not release any information which could possibly lead to their personal identities, including home address or school names
- Use temporary e-mail addresses for the event
- Installation of some child-protection software and use of children-search engines

Participants should not be afraid of those things, but they should be aware of the benefits and risks of the Internet. This is also an unique opportunity to teach Scouts how to use the tools.