



## **Updated Girl Scout Cookie Statement on Product Safety**

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### **Dear Valued Volunteers and Parents,**

Cookie Season is in full swing, and with the extension to March 23rd, we're almost there! We wanted to reach out and share some updates regarding the recent Girl Scout litigation matter. Our top priority is to help everyone finish the program on a high note, so we want to ensure that you and your girls feel empowered and supported during the next week and a half.

To assist you, we've put together an updated troop booth product safety statement that should be helpful given the recent events. We've also included a few quick questions and answers that might come in handy.

As always, each and every one of you—Girl Scouts and volunteers alike—play a vital role in embodying the Girl Scout Promise and our Standards of Excellence. If you encounter a difficult customer, remember that it's important to de-escalate any inappropriate behavior, especially in front of the girls who see us as their trusted role models.

Thank you so much for all that you do to ensure girls have the Girl Scout Leadership Experience and grow into courageous, confident individuals who make the world a better place. We appreciate you!

*GSLPG Staff*



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Girl Scout Cookies are absolutely safe to consume! Here at Girl Scouts, the safety and health of our Girl Scouts and their customers is paramount. When a study was conducted by the Health Research Institute, an accredited research institution, it was found that any levels of ‘unsafe’ chemicals were far below what is deemed safe by the FDA, EPA, and CDC. In fact, a 66-pound child would need to consume over 9,000 Girl Scout Cookies in a single day to come close to unsafe amounts of chemicals. Not only are our cookies safe but proceeds also stay local and help us take educational trips, conduct volunteer work, and more!

**Q&A: Below are some quick top line questions that may come up during your booth sale. Please prepare your girls and parents with this information.**

### **Are Girl Scout Cookies safe to eat?**

- Yes, Girl Scout Cookies are indeed safe to eat! While just about every product sold in grocery stores contain trace chemicals due to environmental factors, all varieties of Girl Scout Cookies fall well within the FDA's safety limits. So, you can enjoy those cookies without worry!

### **Why is the news saying that Girl Scout Cookie aren't safe?**

- In late 2024, a blog claimed Girl Scout Cookies contained unsafe chemicals, causing a stir. However, a later scientific study confirmed that all cookie varieties are safe, yet some news sources continue to repeat the original claims. It is always a good idea to check the facts!

### **What is happening with the lawsuit against the Girl Scouts and their cookie bakers?**

- While we cannot comment on the lawsuit itself, we can tell you that a New York resident has filed a lawsuit expressing concerns about “unsafe” chemical levels in Girl Scout Cookies. However, there's no need to worry! The bakers and GSUSA assure us that the cookies are safe to eat and comply with all FDA safety standards. Plus, a study shows that chemical levels are well below what the EPA considers safe. So go ahead and enjoy your cookies with confidence!

### **What should I do if a customer request more information or assistance with this matter?**

- Please feel free to have them contact GSLPG at [info@gslpg.org](mailto:info@gslpg.org) or 1 800 960 2093. We are happy to assist them.