Establishing a buddy system for situations where your team is gathered as a group will go a long way toward avoiding issues. Depending on whether your team is school or community based, and whether or not you travel to expos or competitions, you may want to have more than one process for different venues. The Buddy System is exactly what it sounds like:

- Don’t go by yourself
- Always check in with the person in charge when you leave and return

This system is especially helpful when traveling to events. Having one adult as the keeper of information (about who is where and counting heads when the group is moving from place to place at a venue) is very helpful for adults as well as team members. If you have parent volunteers on a trip, make sure they also understand the check-in and buddy system.

These instructions are meant as a guide. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Youth Protection Program Manager, Lee Doucette
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