REQUIREMENTS BY SKILL

Personal Safety & Money Requirements by Rank

Personal safety, bullying, and a first real money plan.

These requirements are less visible than campouts and knots, but they matter a lot. Personal safety starts at Scout rank with a conversation at home and continues through bullying awareness at Second Class. Second Class also includes a hands-on money project: setting a savings goal, earning toward it, and comparison shopping. Families play a big role in all of these, so let parents know they're coming.

> Requirements are paraphrased for planning, and numbers follow the current Scouts BSA Requirements book. Verify wording at scouting.org before signing off.

How Personal Safety & Money Builds Across the Ranks

Scout

6 With a parent or guardian, complete the exercises in the youth protection booklet included in the Scouts BSA handbook.

Sign-off: This is a family conversation. Leaders just confirm it happened.

Tenderfoot

5a Explain the buddy system for outings and in your neighborhood, and use it on an outing.

Second Class

8c With a parent or guardian, pick an amount to earn for something you want to buy, write a plan to earn it, follow the plan, and discuss how it went.

Sign-off: Ask how the plan changed along the way. Adjusting is allowed and is part of the lesson.

8d Compare the price of that item in at least three places, then decide whether to buy it, save the money, or use it for something else.

9a Explain the three R's of personal safety and protection.

9b Describe bullying and how to respond when someone is bullying you or someone else.

After First Class

Personal Management merit badge, which is Eagle-required, takes the Second Class money project much further with budgeting, saving, and time management.

Personal Management EAGLE — Eagle-required. A much bigger version of the Second Class money project.

Family Life EAGLE — Eagle-required. Another family-involved badge.

Safety — An elective that expands on personal and home safety.

Can rank work count toward a merit badge? Sometimes. Under the Guide to Advancement (4.2.3.6), one activity can count for both when the two requirements match exactly and have the same purpose, like camping nights for the ranks and the Camping merit badge. For safety skills such as first aid and CPR, the counselor should be satisfied the Scout still remembers what was learned. When requirements only look alike, the Scout still does each one's own work. The unit leader or merit badge counselor makes the call.

Family-Partnered Requirements

A short parent briefing, plus one troop meeting discussion.

1. **Tell parents up front**
   At new-family orientation, explain that Scout 6 and Second Class 8c happen at home. The Second Class money plan can take a few months, so it's worth starting early.

2. **Buddy system everywhere**
   Use buddies on every outing and have Tenderfoot candidates explain why (T 5a).

3. **Discussion night**
   In a small-group discussion led by trained leaders (following youth protection rules), cover the three R's and bullying (SC 9a, 9b). Use scenarios scouts would actually encounter.

4. **Money check-in**
   At the Second Class conference, ask the scout to walk through their earning plan and price comparison (SC 8c, 8d).

Signing It Off

The Scout rank youth protection exercises happen with the family, not the troop. A parent's confirmation is what you need.

The Second Class money project takes time. Don't let it be the surprise blocker at the end.

Keep personal safety conversations in a group setting and follow youth protection guidelines.

Common Mistakes

Forgetting about Second Class 8c/8d until everything else is done.

Accepting a hypothetical money plan with no actual earning.