



The foundation nattvandring.nu

Nattvandring.nu is a foundation that was formed by the energy company E.ON and the insurance firm Skandia – on the initiative of Vera Dordevic and Janne Lundholm.

The foundation initiates networking agreements with groups and associations wishing to promote local night patrols throughout Sweden.

With the goal of setting up new night patrol groups, nattvandring.nu provides jackets, insurance, lectures, material support, training, and so on for local groups, schools, sports clubs and parent and / or school boards.

Eventually, we want there to be adults across Sweden taking part in night patrols in every town and suburb.

History

In 2006, work started on the development of a concept for what would become nattvandring.nu and in February 2008, E.ON decided to become a partner of the then-proposed economic association, nattvandring.nu

Because the issue regarding insurance was important, it was natural to ask Skandia, who had been insuring night patrols since 1993. Skandia were very positive about the new approach and also decided to become a partner in the organisation.

The partners then agreed that Skandia and E.ON would form a foundation that would take over the concept, brand and operations.

Outlooks

The vision of a stable and simple basic operation proved to be a success. In a very short period, the idea of parents on night patrols developed into a strong nationwide movement, from Haparanda in the north to Ystad in the south.





What are night patrols?

Night patrols show that you care. Young people who stay out on weekend evenings and at night often need to have adults around. We are wherever these young people may be, visible and available on the streets and in town squares. We create confidence and security by being there for young people in need of help. We may be required to listen, mediate, offer first aid or simply lend a mobile phone.

Night patrollers create significant mature relationships with young people in various situations. Even those who normally have a safe and comfortable home environment can sometimes find themselves in situations where they need your support. Others may lack reliable adults in their lives altogether.

An increased adult presence helps to protect young people and reduces instances of violence, vandalism, alcohol and drug use. Night patrollers are neither police, security guards nor social services. We are simply adults with the courage to behave as adults, who care and take responsibility.

If you are over 18, care about young people and want to be a role model, then you can become a night patroller. Some night patrols also include people who are younger than 18. They will always be accompanied by an adult night patroller with experience.

As a night patroller, it is important to be sociable and flexible; every night and every young person is unique.

What does a night patroller do?

Night patrollers go out into the streets and town squares where they mingle with young people, offering security. We respect young people, are positive role models and always have the time to listen, talk, discuss, mediate and offer advice.

We cooperate with the police and other authorities without interfering and our presence is intended to increase adult involvement. Night patrollers have the courage to behave as adults and set boundaries without crossing the line.

The patrols consist of groups of at least two people – three-man groups are recommended – on evenings when there are many young people around. We obviously do not patrol all night, but for as many hours we want and can manage. Night patrols offer exercise and fresh air, the opportunity to build relationships and develop networks with other adults, to meet many positive and happy young people and to show that you care.





Some simple rules for night patrollers

Night patrollers never act as guardians, guards, vigilantes and so on.

We must never go through personal belongings or conduct searches (this does not apply in the event of an emergency, "Emergency supersedes law").

Night patrollers should never pretend to represent the authorities or to be working on their behalf.

Night patrollers are not formally bound by confidentiality – this obligation is a moral one. It is up to each night patroller / night patrol group to decide what to report and to whom. Consider the trust between the young people and you as a night patroller. Night patrollers may never confiscate alcohol or other drugs from another person. Only the police are entitled to do this under Swedish law.

This is true regardless of the person's age.

Taking your dog on a night patrol could be seen as a good way to combine a good deed with leisure. We do, however, strongly advise against taking dogs on night patrols. This could be intimidating for some, while it is also important to consider those with allergies and what to do with the dog if there is an emergency?



How to proceed

Are you interested in contacting your nearest local night patrol group? Are you thinking about starting your own group and simply want to know more?

To find your local night patrol group, visit www.nattvandring.nu and search under "hitta din grupp" (find your group).

You can also send an e-mail to: info@nattvandring.nu for more detailed information.

If you are interested in starting a local night patrol group, please contact the nattvandring.nu foundation via e-mail:

info@nattvandring.nu or call +46 8 50 66 55 80 to receive advice.

When will you go out with us?

There is always a jacket for you too.



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