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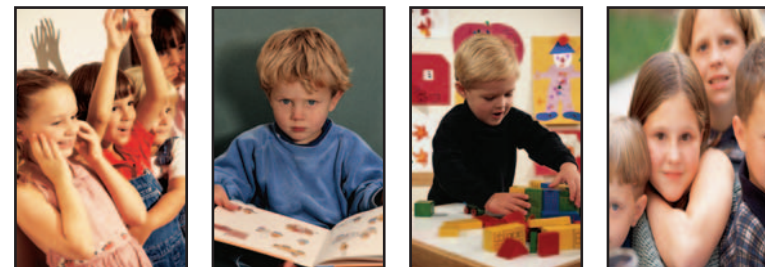
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Are you involved with a voluntary organisation or group which provides activities for children or young people in your community?

You need to know about the Protection of Children (Scotland) Act 2003

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# This act will help to create safe and supportive environments for children, young people and those working with them

## HOW WILL THE ACT HELP TO DO THIS?

A list will be created and kept by Scottish Ministers of individuals who have been disqualified from working with children and young people.

## HOW WILL THE LIST BE KEPT UP TO DATE?

Organisations will have a legal duty to forward a report to Scottish Ministers of any individual, in a childcare position who:

- harms a child or young person;
  - places a child or young person at risk of harm;
- and**
- is removed from their position as a result.

Other agencies and organisations such as the courts and professional associations will also contribute to the list.

## HOW CAN ORGANISATIONS ACCESS THE LIST?

Access to information on individuals on the list can only be accessed through a Disclosure Check.

## DO ORGANISATIONS NEED TO CHECK THE LIST BEFORE APPOINTING ALL PAID OR VOLUNTARY WORKERS WITHIN THEIR ORGANISATION?

**NO** only child care positions are covered by the Act.

Examples of child care positions are:

creche workers; play leaders; sports instructors; leaders of faith groups; music tutors; leaders or helpers in uniformed or non-uniformed organisations and parent helpers.

(This is not an exhaustive list.)



## WHAT TYPE OF ORGANISATIONS WILL HAVE TO COMPLY WITH THE ACT?

Organisations who work with children and young people providing organised and supervised services and activities.

## WHERE CAN ORGANISATIONS GET ADVICE ABOUT THE ACT AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF ORGANISATIONS?

The Central Registered Body in Scotland has set up a helpline to support voluntary organisations.

**Helpline: 01786 849777**

**Email: [info@crbs.org.uk](mailto:info@crbs.org.uk)**

A guide and training pack was commissioned by the Scottish Executive and is available on the CRBS website.

If your organisation cannot access the website hard copies may be available from:

CRBS; Children in Scotland; YouthLink Scotland or SCVO.

See back page for contact details.