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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

P O C S A



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

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.