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## Working with children checks

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### Northern Territory

#### Legislation

##### **What are the screening requirements for sporting organisations?**

Criminal history checks are recommended for people working with children; however, there is no legal requirement for sporting organisations or individuals to obtain a criminal history.

#### Action

##### **Where can I get a criminal history or police check done?**

Go to [Northern Territory Government – Working with Children website](#) for contact information and the Application Form.

It is currently not a legal requirement for sport and recreation organisation to ensure paid staff and volunteers have a criminal history check but it is being considered in draft laws. It is recommended as part of an employment screening process and providing safe environments for children.

##### **Who has to apply?**

The employing organisation can apply but if you're the subject of the check you need to complete the Application Form consenting to the organisation obtaining your personal information.

##### **What does a criminal history or police check cover?**

Traffic convictions and criminal records held by the Northern Territory and most interstate police jurisdictions.

##### **Are there penalties for not conducting a police check?**

No. Although checks are encouraged, they're not mandatory.

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### **How long is it valid for?**

The check is only current up to the date of issue.

### **Is it transferable to a different organisation?**

Yes. But it's recommended that organisations request a **current** history check as part of the recruitment.

## **Resources**

### **Where can I get further information or resources?**

- [Northern Territory Government – Working with Children](#)