

## Police Record Checks

BC Hear the Child Society requires all Roster applicants to provide a satisfactory Police Record Check. Please note that the Police Record Check (a) is more robust than a criminal records check performed under the *B.C. Criminal Records Review Act*; and (b) for the Society's purposes **must** include vulnerable sector check/screening.

A Police Records Check is a criminal records check **as well as** a search of all available police/court databases for records describing the applicant as having had negative contact with the police. A vulnerable sector check conducted as part of a criminal record check is a search of record suspended (formerly a pardon) sexual offences.

Roster applicants must make their own arrangements through their local police or RCMP detachment to conduct name based police record verifications for background screening checks. Generally police detachments require the individuals to visit in person to request their own police record check and each detachment sets their own fee for performing the check.

Generally, a police record check is done for individuals working with children and/or vulnerable adults. The purpose of the check is to protect: (a) children from individuals whose criminal record indicates they pose a risk of physical or sexual abuse; and (b) vulnerable adults from individuals whose criminal record indicates they pose a risk of physical, sexual or financial abuse.

We confirm that (a) BC Hear the Child Society is not an organization covered by the *B.C. Criminal Records Review Act* (the "Act"); and (b) criminal record checks obtained pursuant to the Act by Roster applicants acting as volunteers for or within other organizations may not meet the Society's requirements.

Links to several of the BC Police Agencies and the RCMP:

Vancouver Police Department:

<http://vancouver.ca/police/organization/records-checks-fingerprinting/index.html>

Port Moody Police Department:

[http://portmoodypolice.ca/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=176:criminal-police-records-check-faq&catid=52:crc&Itemid=134](http://portmoodypolice.ca/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=176:criminal-police-records-check-faq&catid=52:crc&Itemid=134)

New Westminster Police Department:

<http://www.nwpolice.org/public-information/criminal-records-check/>

Victoria Police Department:

<https://www.vicpd.ca/police-information-checks-criminal-record-checks>

RCMP:

<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cr-cj/vulner/index-eng.htm>

For Information on Vulnerable Sector Checks, see [Protecting Communities and Keeping Canadians Safe](#) and [FAQ](#) on the RCMP website.