

Becoming
SAFE PLACES

Youth Certified

Quickstart Guide

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Children



Welcome

Welcome to Safe Places – Youth Certified, a community-wide initiative designed to support quality programming while reducing potential risks to children and youth. If you're reading this guide, chances are you're considering becoming Youth Certified because you come into contact with or lead activities for young people.

By becoming Youth Certified, you're demonstrating to your community that you take your responsibility as a person in a position of trust with youth seriously. More importantly, you're demonstrating to the youth you come into contact with and to their loved ones that you have the training and background that makes you worthy of their trust in you.



The advantage to you is that Youth Certified is portable, and will be recognized across all organizations that endorse this quality standard of certification. Once Youth Certified, you'll have no more need to get multiple checks for multiple organizations each year... Youth Certified is transferable, and it is valid for 3 years.

For more details, visit www.rrhc.on.ca/safeplaces

How do I become youth certified?



- 1 Get valid Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector Checks (CRC and VSC) from your local Police Detachment.
- 2 Take Respect Group online training.
- 3 Fill out a Youth Certified Application Form.
- 4 Submit your satisfactory CRC & VSC, Respect Group certificate, and completed Youth Certified Application Form to us.

Satisfactory completion of steps 1 through 4 will allow us to process your application and promptly provide you with a Youth Certified ID number and Card / Certificate.

Timeframe

How long is my youth certification valid?

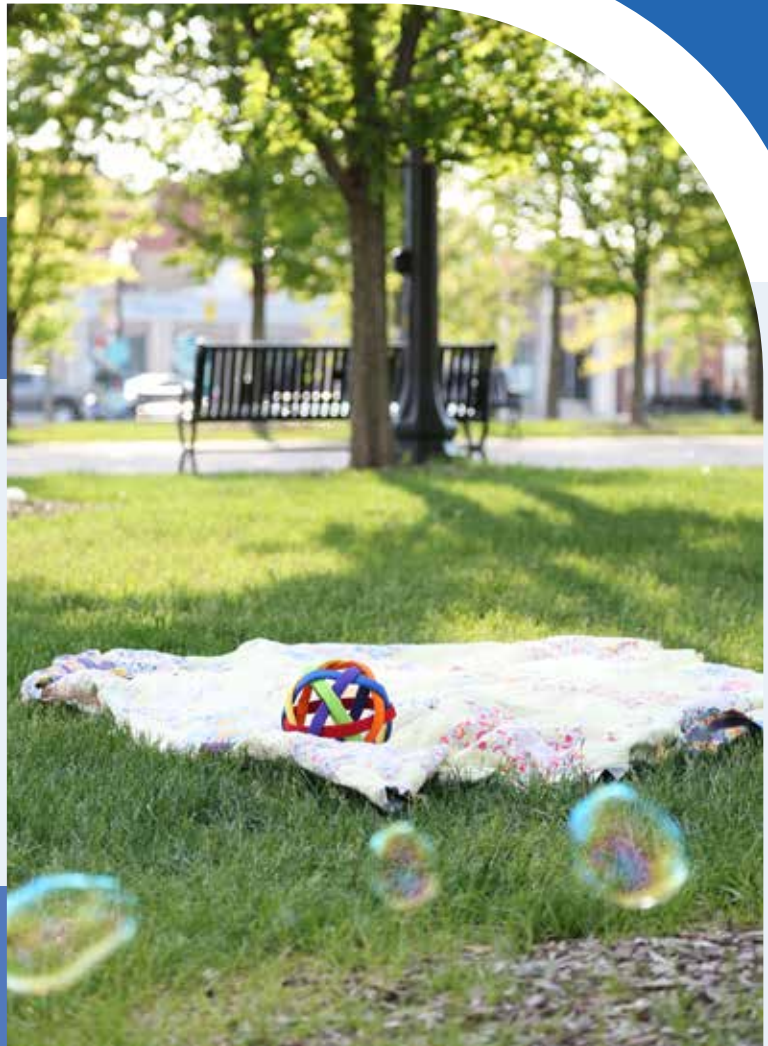
Your Youth Certified ID Number and Card / Certificate are valid for a period of 3 years from the date you completed your Respect in Sport / School Training.

How long does this process take?

The process can vary, but generally

- The OPP processes CRCs and VSCs in a timely fashion.
- Respect Group training takes 2.5 hours...you can do it in 1 sitting or over time.
- The Youth Certified Application Form can be filled out in a matter of minutes when submitting your other completed documents to us.
- If all documents are satisfactory (completed Respect Group certificate, Application Form, clean CRC and VSC), your application will be processed.

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Cost & Training

Is there a cost?

The cost is minimal, but the investment is valuable

- CRCs and VSCs are \$35.00 for employees and no charge for volunteers
*Additional costs may be incurred based on VSC results
- There is a \$30 fee for Respect Group (RG) Online Training. Check to see if your organization or employer will reimburse you.

Ways to access training

1

Call Rural Response for Healthy Children
1 (800) 479-0716

2

Visit www.rrhc.on.ca/safe-places-huron for instructions on how to register, set up your training and import an existing certificate.



CRC & VSC's

Each situation is unique, but keep this in mind

On occasion, VSCs are returned incomplete, but this doesn't mean you can't become Youth Certified.



Certain criminal offences will automatically deem you ineligible for Youth Certification. These offences include, but are not limited to...

- Assault
- Abduction
- Homicide
- Sexual offenses
- Child pornography
- Child or spousal abuse
- Luring a child
- Voyeurism
- Robbery

Don't be afraid to apply if you have a Criminal Record. Not all offenses will disqualify you from Safe Places.

Making Sure

How can I be certain?

- Ultimately, it is up to you to decide if you are comfortable leaving your child under the supervision of any coach or activity leader.
- Confirming if someone is Youth Certified is easy - simply ask to see their Youth Certified ID Card, and check the expiry date.
- Ask them for an additional piece of Photo ID to confirm their identity.
- When in doubt, check with the organization the individual represents.

Contact points

Telephone: 1-800-479-0716

Email: mail@rrhc.on.ca

Visit our website: www.rrhc.on.ca



If you or someone you know is experiencing bullying, abuse, harassment and / or discrimination, you can contact OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or in an emergency call 911

1 Get valid CRC and VSC

2 Take RG activity leader online training

3 Fill out a youth certified application form

4 Submit RG Cert, CRC, VSC and Application Form to Rural Response for Healthy Children

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