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## Screening to ensure safety

Our policies require that coaches, managers, trainers and board members complete a Criminal Record Check (CRC) and Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC), complete the mandatory course, Respect in Sport for Coaches/Volunteers, and have a Hockey Canada Certified trainer on the bench at all times. Players are protected by major liability, medical and dental policies. Abuse and harassment guidelines are also in place for all to respect and follow.

### Letter for volunteers requesting Criminal Record Check (CRC) and Vulnerable Sector Check

A letter from Hockey Nova Scotia requesting the Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Sector check to be completed can be found on our website: <https://hockeynovascotia.ca/admin-member/your-safety/volunteer-screening>

## Background checks

Being a volunteer in hockey is no easy task.

Volunteers are often called upon to wear many hats. At Hockey Nova Scotia, we do our best to ensure that our volunteers are safeguarded and not placed in vulnerable situations.

All coaches and minor hockey volunteers are required to have the following:

- Criminal Record Check
- Vulnerable Sector Check

## Criminal Record Check (CRC) & Vulnerable Sector check

- Please include the Vulnerable Sector Check
- Please note the 3-year validation of the Criminal Record Check & Vulnerable Sector Check begins September 1 of the current season and expires August 31.
- The certification deadline for background checks at Hockey Nova Scotia is December 1st (however some MHA's have chosen to make this date earlier, which they are entirely permitted to do).
- Criminal Record Check & Vulnerable Sector checks can be completed at your local police or RCMP detachment. These are only able to be processed in the area where the person resides. For example, if you live in Sydney, you are not able to have your CRC & VSC processed in Halifax.



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- There is a cost associated with Criminal Record & Vulnerable Sector Checks as well as <http://www.backcheck.net/hockeynovascotia/>. These costs are beyond the control of Hockey Nova Scotia. Some locations will still accept a letter from HNS or your local hockey association but many detachments are no longer accepting these.
  - When these checks are completed in full, you can email them directly to [info@hockeynovascotia.ca](mailto:info@hockeynovascotia.ca)