

# Vulnerable Sector Screening & Fingerprinting Requirement

## 1. What is a Vulnerable Sector Check?

- A vulnerable sector check is an enhanced criminal record check. This type of record check was created in 2000 to protect children and vulnerable persons and is governed by section 6.3(3) of the [Criminal Records Act](#). Policies and procedures related to vulnerable sector checks can be found in the [Dissemination of Criminal Record Information policy](#) and the *Ministerial Directive Concerning the Release of Criminal Record Information by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police*.
- Vulnerable sector checks are used to verify if an individual has a record suspension (formerly pardon) for sex offences. They also include checks of national databases maintained by the RCMP and local police records.

## 2. Who Can Get a Vulnerable Sector Check?

- People who volunteer or have jobs where they are in **positions of trust or authority over children or vulnerable persons can be asked to obtain a vulnerable sector check.** (Being in a position of authority is more than just having contact with children or vulnerable persons. To meet the requirements for a vulnerable sector check the nature of the position – not the person – must cause the person to have authority over, or trust of, *children* or vulnerable persons.)
- **Children:** *children are defined as anyone under the age of 18. Vulnerable persons are people who, because of their age, disability or other circumstance are more vulnerable than others.*
- The above information and additional information about vulnerable sector checks can be found on the following website: <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/faqs-about-vulnerable-sector-checks>

## 3. Why Do I Need to Be Fingerprinted?

- You will need to be fingerprinted whenever your GENDER and DATE OF BIRTH matches to an existing pardoned sexual offence record. This is not an accusation of criminality, but is required to verify the person's identity and to protect personal privacy.
- If there is a match of your gender and date of birth to an individual on the pardoned sex offender registry, we will contact you to have your fingerprints taken at our Headquarters in Ladner or Public Safety Building in North Delta. The process to have fingerprints taken can be completed in roughly 30 minutes. The Delta Police Department will submit your fingerprints to the RCMP for verification on your behalf.
- The RCMP indicates when there is a match to a criminal record or pardoned sex offence; the wait time for results can take up to 120 days. As soon as we receive your results from the RCMP, we will complete your PIC and forward results to you.

**\*NOTE: Vulnerable sector screening can only be processed for checks where results will be staying in Canada and are requested by a Canadian agency which operates out of Canada, as vulnerable sector screening results cannot leave Canada.**