

Upper Allen Mechanicsburg Baseball Association

Risk Management Requirements

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Clearances Requirements

What's changed? – *Act 117 of 2013 amended Title 23 known as the Child Protective Services Law which is effective December 31, 2014*

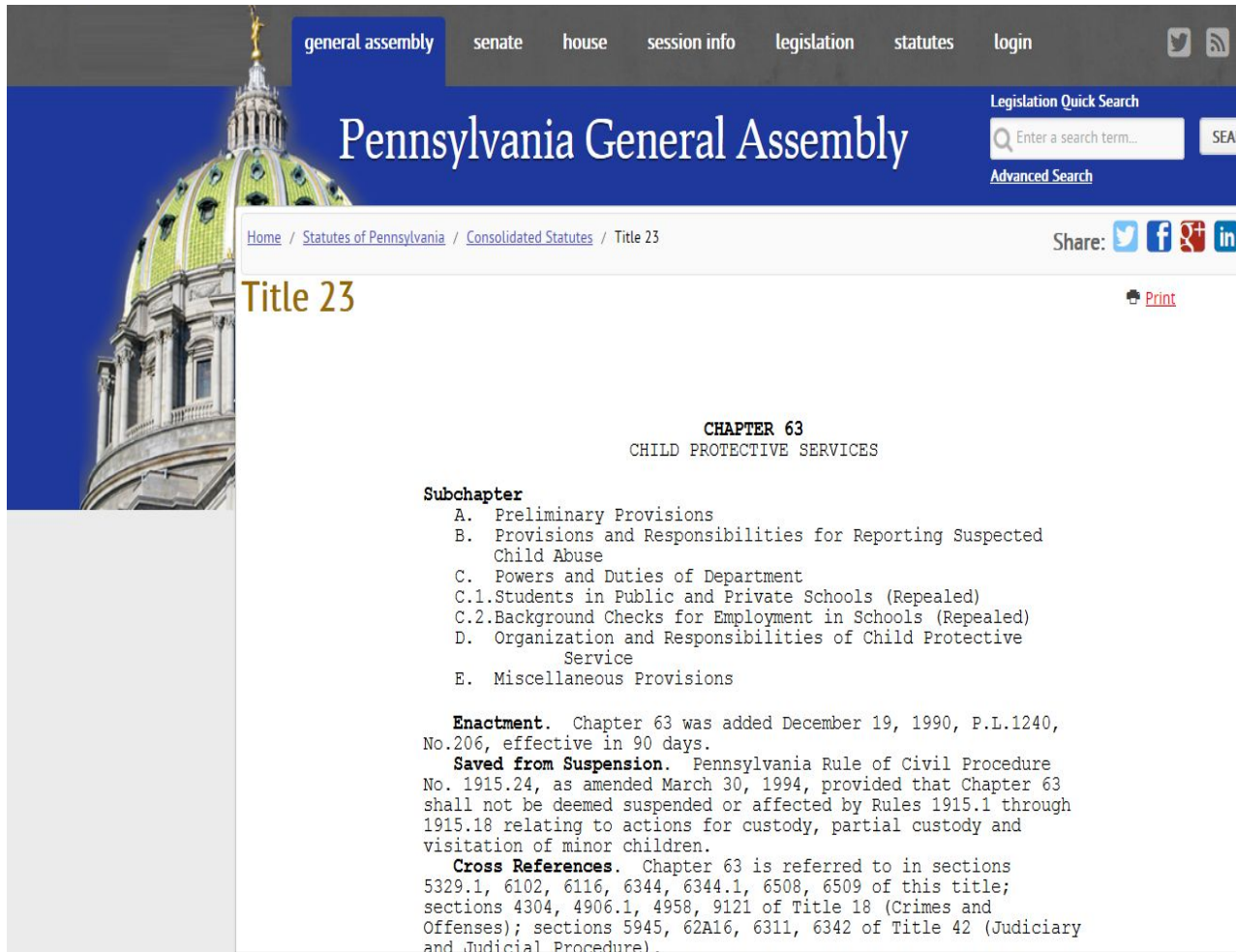
Who Changed it? – *Pennsylvania General Assembly and Signed into Law by Governor Corbett on December 18, 2014*

When is it effective? *Effective **July 1, 2015**, all volunteers who have contact with children must comply.*

Why do we need to comply? *It is the law and protects our children. Additionally, you can apply these clearances to other voluntary organizations, youth sports, church, and school district volunteerism.*

How long are clearances good for? *Clearances are good for 5 years.*

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES AMENDMENT



The screenshot shows the Pennsylvania General Assembly website. The header includes navigation links for 'general assembly', 'senate', 'house', 'session info', 'legislation', 'statutes', and 'login'. A search bar is labeled 'Legislation Quick Search'. The main content area is titled 'Title 23' and 'CHAPTER 63 CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES'. Below this, a list of subchapters (A through E) is provided. The 'Enactment' section states that Chapter 63 was added on December 19, 1990. The 'Saved from Suspension' section mentions a rule of civil procedure. The 'Cross References' section lists various sections of the title and other titles.

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Pennsylvania General Assembly

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Title 23

CHAPTER 63
CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Subchapter

- A. Preliminary Provisions
- B. Provisions and Responsibilities for Reporting Suspected Child Abuse
- C. Powers and Duties of Department
 - C.1. Students in Public and Private Schools (Repealed)
 - C.2. Background Checks for Employment in Schools (Repealed)
- D. Organization and Responsibilities of Child Protective Service
- E. Miscellaneous Provisions

Enactment. Chapter 63 was added December 19, 1990, P.L.1240, No.206, effective in 90 days.

Saved from Suspension. Pennsylvania Rule of Civil Procedure No. 1915.24, as amended March 30, 1994, provided that Chapter 63 shall not be deemed suspended or affected by Rules 1915.1 through 1915.18 relating to actions for custody, partial custody and visitation of minor children.

Cross References. Chapter 63 is referred to in sections 5329.1, 6102, 6116, 6344, 6344.1, 6508, 6509 of this title; sections 4304, 4906.1, 4958, 9121 of Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses); sections 5945, 62A16, 6311, 6342 of Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure).

§ 6344.2. Volunteers having contact with children.

(a) Applicability.--This section applies to an adult applying for or holding an unpaid position as a volunteer with a child-care service, a school or a program, activity or service as a person responsible

State Law Change Affects All Youth Organizations

The PA Child Protective Services Law changed recently. The change requires all coaches and volunteers involved with youth organizations to complete a:

- (1) State Police Criminal Record Check
- (2) PA Child Abuse History Clearance.
- (3) For those individuals who have not resided in PA continuously for the previous 10 years, they must also complete an FBI Criminal Background Check.
- (4) Volunteer Qualification Affidavit

So, let's get started:

Step 1: Go to the Pennsylvania Criminal Background Check website:

<https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp>

Step 2 – Click on “New Record Check (volunteers only)”. There is no longer a fee. If no record comes back, you will be able to instantly print out certification of no record. Print out and return to UAMBA. If there is a record, the results will be mailed to you in 2 or 3 weeks. Please forward a copy to UAMBA. Remember that not all offenses disqualify you from working with children.

https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp

Pennsylvania Access To Criminal History

Commissioner, Pennsylvania State Police

Gov. Thomas W Wolf

Home Record Check Help

Welcome to Pennsylvania Access To Criminal History

Response times for record requests labeled "UNDER REVIEW" vary depending upon the volume of requests received. While every attempt is made to process inquiries as quickly as possible, turnaround times on these requests can be expected to take between four to six weeks. We apologize for any inconvenience as we process all requests as quickly as resources allow.

PATCH Helpdesk 1-888-QUERY-PA (1-888-783-7972)

All requests for Notarized copies of a Criminal Record Check **MUST BE** submitted by mail.

The Pennsylvania Access to Criminal History (PATCH) System will be unavailable on Tuesday August 25th, from 10:30 pm to Wednesday August 26th at 5:30 am due to system maintenance. We apologize for any inconvenience.

New Record Check (Volunteers only)

▶ **Submit a New Record Check** (requires a credit card)

▶ **Check the status of a Record Check**

Registered Users

Username:

Password:

Login

Step 3 – Next, go to this site:

<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home>

Step 4 – Click on Create Individual Account and follow the instructions.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home>. The page header includes the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare logo and the text "pennsylvania CHILD WELFARE INFORMATION SOLUTION". Navigation links for "PA STATE AGENCIES" and "PA ONLINE SERVICES" are visible, along with "FAQ" and "Contact Us" links. A blue banner at the top right contains the text "Need Help? Contact the CWIS Support Center at 1-877-343-0494".

A yellow banner below the header reads: "If the child you would like to report on is in immediate danger, please call 911 immediately."

The main content area is titled "WELCOME TO THE Child Welfare Portal". It describes the service: "Our service provides a means for individuals to apply for PA Child Abuse History Clearance online and for mandated reporters to report child abuse in Pennsylvania." Below this text are four buttons: "INDIVIDUAL LOGIN", "CREATE INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNT", "ORGANIZATION LOGIN", and "CREATE ORGANIZATION ACCOUNT". A sidebar on the right features a large blue ribbon logo with the CWIS logo inside.

The footer contains three columns of links:

- Clearance Applications**
 - Learn About Clearances: Use this link to obtain more information about the PA Child Abuse History Clearance Application Website.
- Child Abuse Referrals**
 - Learn About Child Abuse Referrals: Use this link to obtain more information about the Child Abuse Referral Website.
- Services and Information**
 - Child Protective Services Law
 - Regional Map

ChildLine
24 HRS. FOR THE KIDS OF PA!
A DAY.

**PENNSYLVANIA CHILD ABUSE
HISTORY CLEARANCE**

VERIFICATION DATE: 12/11/2014

ALIQUIPPA PA 15001

SOCIAL SECURITY # [REDACTED]

The above named person has applied for a VOLUNTARY Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance pursuant to Chapter 63 of 23 Pa. Consolidated Statutes Annotated relating to the Child Protective Services Law.

NO RECORD EXISTS in the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare's statewide Central Registry listing the applicant as a perpetrator of an Indicated or Founded report of child abuse or an Indicated or Founded report for school employees.

NO RECORD EXISTS in the Pennsylvania State Police Central Repository.

Applicants are required to show the Administrator the original document. Administrators are required to keep a copy of this child abuse history clearance on file. Any person altering the contents of this document may be subject to civil, criminal or administrative action.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

ISSUED BY: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Public Welfare
CHILDLINE AND ABUSE REGISTRY
ChildLine Verification Unit
P.O. Box 8170
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8170
(717) 783-6211

ANY ALTERATION OR ERASURE VOIDS THIS DOCUMENT

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Upon completion of the form, a certificate will be emailed back to you within 1-14 business days. Turn the certificate into UAMBA. There is only a fee if you already had a clearance within 5 years.

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Step 5 – If you have been a continuous resident of PA for 10-years or more, click the link below to UAMBA’s “Volunteer Clearance Disclosure Statement” print it off, sign it, have it witnessed, and then turn into UAMBA.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QkotdG_09f29XzxN7Wy-2z_yqJV6qvbCsNg6TbUJ9eg/edit?usp=sharing

Step 6A: If you have been a continuous resident of PA for 10 years or more, go to <https://www.nsopw.gov/en> and perform a search of your name under the National Sexual Offender search and print out the results. Unfortunately, if you have a common name, you may need to complete Step 6B or print out the results to show that the hits are not you.

Step 6B – If you have not been a continuous resident of PA for 10 years or more, the law requires you to obtain an FBI Criminal Background check. To do this, click on this link and follow the instructions:
http://www.pa.cogentid.com/ohio/DPW/DPW_docs/DPW_Intro_Checks.htm.

You will need to obtain fingerprints at a local approved fingerprinting center. The closest location can be found by clicking on “print locations and hours” at this site:
https://www.pa.cogentid.com/index_dpw.htm

Once you complete this process, turn in the results to UAMBA.

Background Check Summary

	Cost	Time
PA State Police Criminal Record Check Online	None	Immediate
PA Child Abuse History Clearance Online Form	None	1-14 business days
National Sex Registry Data Base	None	Immediate
FBI Criminal History Report Online Pay Portal (non continuous PA residents for last 10-years)	\$27.50	1 week
Volunteer Disclosure Statement (continuous PA residents for last 10-years)	none	Immediate

The clearances are good for 5 years and can be applied to other organizations (school district, churches and youth sports). If you already have your clearances through other organizations, you only need to turn in those reports to UAMBA.

An employer, administrator, supervisor, or other person responsible for employment decisions or selection of volunteers that intentionally fails to require the submission of the three clearances commits a misdemeanor of the third degree (punishable to a maximum of 1 year imprisonment and \$1,000 fine).

Safe Sports Act

- Passed by Congress in July 2018, this Federal Law enacted requirements for Child Abuse Prevention Reporting, Training and Policies.
- The Act only applies to organizations which engage in interstate or international commerce or activities. Interstate competition refers to sports organizations that travel across state lines to compete.
- Participating adults are required to report suspicions of child abuse including sex abuse, as soon as possible (within a 24-hour period) to the appropriate law enforcement agencies, as determined by state or federal law.
- Sports organizations must “offer and provide consistent training to all adult members who are in regular contact with amateur athletes who are minors, and subject to parental consent, to members who are minors regarding prevention and reporting of child abuse...” Training materials are available at <https://www.baberuthleague.org/child-protection-program.aspx> and <https://www.sadlersports.com/new-safe-sport-act-applies-amateur-sports-organizations/>