

Police Information Checks and BC Criminal Record Review Program Reviews for Volunteers Who Work with Children and/or Vulnerable Adults – What is the Difference?

In February 2013, the Minister of Justice announced that the provincially run Criminal Records Review Program would be amended to also provide free criminal record checks for volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults. These changes were implemented on December 1st, 2013.

The Vancouver Police Department wants you, the volunteer organization, to know that we will continue to provide your organization with this service. Below, we have completed a chart for you to compare the Police Information Check product with the Criminal Records Review Program product.

We encourage you to review this information. If you have any questions, please send an email to: IMSManager@vpd.ca and we will be pleased to respond to any questions you may have.

	Police Information Check Completed by the Local Police Department	BC Criminal Records Review Program Completed by the Province of BC - Ministry of Justice
Which organizations are eligible to conduct record checks for volunteers who work with the vulnerable sector?	All volunteer organizations are eligible to send their applicants to their local police agency for a Police Information Check.	Organizations which have volunteers who work with the vulnerable sector need to register or "opt in" to the new program. Enrolment is not mandatory.
Cost of service	Vancouver Police - \$25	Free
Cost of fingerprinting if required for Vulnerable Sector Check	Vancouver Police - Free* *Included in the VPD Police Information Check \$25 fee*	Any fees associated with the fingerprint process are the responsibility of the applicant.
Which systems do you query to find police information?	The Vancouver Police query the following databases: 1. Legacy RMS - VPD records pre- March 2001 2. PRIME - Police Records Information Management Environment - post March 2001 3. CPIC - Canadian Police Information Centre 4. PIRS - Historical RCMP Records 5. PIP - Police Information Portal (local databases of police agencies across Canada) 6. JUSTIN - Justice Information (BC Courts information) *Unlike the CRRP Check, the additional queries conducted of the local police agency's records management systems will locate present-day adverse contact with local police, including substantiated suspect records and current convictions that are not yet entered on CPIC.*	The CRRP reviews a list of relevant information from the following databases: 1. CPIC - Canadian Police Information Centre 2. BC Corrections Database (includes JUSTIN information) *Unlike a check through the police, the CRRP is restricted by legislation on what information they can review and release.* **Please note that CPIC is approximately two years behind entering convictions on CPIC and not all "charges" may be entered on this system outside of BC.**
What information is provided?	A specific list of the applicant's: 1. Charges and convictions (CPIC, JUSTIN, PRIME, PIP, PIRS, Legacy RMS). This includes pending charges. 2. Substantiated adverse contact with police where the applicant is listed as a suspect (PRIME, Legacy RMS, PIRS, and PIP). 3. Pardoned sex offences (CPIC).	The volunteer organization will receive a clearance letter from the CRRP for each applicant which will indicate either a "Cleared" or "Not Cleared" recommendation.
Who is the information provided to?	Completed checks are sent directly to the applicant. It is the applicant's responsibility to share the information with the volunteer organization.	The volunteer organization will receive a clearance letter from the CRRP for each applicant which will indicate either a "Cleared" or "Not Cleared" recommendation.
Whose decision is it whether or not the volunteer organization can accept a volunteer?	The volunteer organization based on the role and responsibilities the volunteer will have within the organization.	The Ministry decides whether or not the volunteer can be accepted based on a risk assessment.
Renewal Requirements	At the discretion of the volunteer organization.	Minimum every five years or at the discretion of the volunteer organization.