



SAFE PLACES

SWIFT CURRENT

A QUICK GUIDE TO BECOMING
YOUTH CERTIFIED

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 SafePlacesSK.ca.

HOW DO I BECOME YOUTH CERTIFIED?

There are 4 steps to becoming Youth Certified...

1. Take **Respect in Sport or Respect in School Activity Leader** online training, available through your sport, culture or recreation organization or at swiftcurrentalpublic.respectgroupinc.com and print your certificate. Participants involved with the Education sector may contact us for details on how to complete Respect in School as an alternative training option to complete Safe Places.
2. Get valid **Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector Checks** (CRC and VSC) from your local RCMP detachment.
3. Fill out a **Youth Certified Application Form**, available at the Swift Current RCMP detachment, City Hall or via SafePlacesSK.ca
4. Submit all of the above information to the Swift Current RCMP detachment. Once all of the paperwork has been processed and approved you will receive a Safe Places ID number and card that you can collect.

timeframe

HOW LONG IS YOUTH CERTIFIED VALID?

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

HOW LONG DOES THE PROCESS TAKE?

The process can vary, but generally...

- The RCMP processes CRCs and VSCs in a timely fashion.
- Respect in Sport (RiS) 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 the Swift Current RCMP detachment.
- If all documents meet the necessary Safe Places requirements, your application will be processed within a week of submission.
- All incomplete applications or reviews for offences may delay processing times.

Visit [SafePlacesSK.ca](https://www.safeplaces.sk.ca) for more information.

cost & training

IS THERE A COST?

The cost is minimal, but the investment is valuable...

- Record checks are free-of-charge* for all applicants of Safe Places. Notify the detachment that your record check is for this purpose. *Additional costs may be associated with fingerprinting.
- Many sports organizations have access to Respect in Sport training free of charge. Safe Places also often offers free training by issuing pre-authorization codes' for applicants if available. Contact us for a free code.
- If no free option is available the cost of the course is \$30

WAYS TO ACCESS RiS TRAINING

If you are not part of an organization that participates in Respect in Sport, visit swiftcurrentalpublic.respectgroupinc.com to complete the training and print your certificate.

If the organization you volunteer for / work with already participates in Respect in Sport, ask your organization how you can access the training.

Visit www.SafePlacesSK.ca for instructions on how to register, set up your training and import an existing certificate.

CRCs & VSCs

BACKGROUND CHECK CONSIDERATIONS

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.
- Some criminal offences are subject to review by the Youth Certified Committee to determine if you will be eligible to become Youth Certified.
- Certain criminal offences may 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.

For full details, please visit SafePlacesSK.ca for more information.

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...

- 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

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Visit our website: SafePlacesSK.ca



If you or someone you know is experiencing bullying, abuse, harassment and / or discrimination, you can contact the Health Region confidentially at 1-877-329-0005.

1
Take RiS Activity Leader
online training

2
Get valid CRC and VSC

3
Submit RiS Cert, CRC, VSC
and Application Form to
Swift Current RCMP

4
Fill out a
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