

# HALTON REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

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**TO: Whom It May Concern**

**RE: Police Record Checks for those under 18 years of age**

The *Police Record Checks Reform Act* came into force on November 1, 2018, ensuring a clear, consistent and comprehensive set of standards to govern how police record checks are conducted and disclosed in Ontario.

These standards include how police services release Police Record Checks containing youth records to applicants. Up until now, police services have released a Police Record Check containing youth records directly to the applicant who then provides the Police Record Check to the organization or volunteer agency. The federal and provincial government has found this approach to be contrary to the Federal Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA).

*As of November 1, 2018, youth can only apply for a Police Record Check if:*

*A. The youth is applying for purposes of employment or volunteering directly with:*

- the Government of Canada;*
- the Government of a province; or*
- a Municipality;*

*OR*

*B. The youth requires their own youth records for their own personal information.*

Under no circumstance, will a youth receive a Vulnerable Sector check, as there will be no information to disclose.

**NO OTHER YOUTH ARE PERMITTED TO APPLY FOR A POLICE RECORD CHECK.**

Non-Government agencies are not authorized to receive any results. To require applicants to apply and pay for a Police Record Check when no results will be released is not in the best interest of the applicants, the police service and the community.

For more information visit about Police Record Checks, please visit our website:  
<https://www.haltonpolice.ca/about/courtsrecords/policerrecordchecks.php>.

You are also invited to contact our office directly with your inquiries:

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