

Safeguarding in Scouting



The national vetting process. New volunteers waiting for their criminal records check to be completed, or existing volunteers who've let their previous disclosure expire and submitted a repeat application, can only volunteer when they're supervised (within hearing and sight distance) by a volunteer with a valid check.

If a pre-provisional volunteer has information on their criminal record check certificate, they must send a copy to HQ as soon as possible. If you're aware this applies to another applicant/member, please remind them of the importance of doing this. There've been recent occasions where people have tried to become volunteers despite not being able to work/volunteer with children and young people. We must all do our part to follow our processes to keep everyone safe. If you're not sure what to do, or if you have a safeguarding concern, please [contact the HQ Safeguarding Team](#).

Using bank or building society statements for disclosure applications. If you're using a bank or building society statement on your disclosure application, please make sure you tick the correct box. Only tick the box that states (UK, Channel Island or EEA) and don't tick the bank or building society statement for (countries outside of the EEA) as this'll delay your application process.