

Vulnerable Sector Policy

RATIONALE

RSCDS Calgary Branch is dedicated to the teaching of Scottish Country dance to all sectors of society and to ensuring, to the best of our ability, that classes and events are safe for all attendees.

POLICY

1. A Vulnerable Sector Search is required, for those in a position of authority or trust over those categorized by the Criminal Records Act as vulnerable, at RSCDS Calgary Branch classes and events.
 - a. This policy is not a requirement if the vulnerable person's parent, caregiver, guardian, adult sibling or spouse is present.
2. This search should be obtained from your local Royal Canadian Mounted Police division or Calgary Police Services. A copy of this search obtained for another organization (school board, Guides, etc) is acceptable for this requirement. The certificate must be current and not expired. Certificates must be issued by the RCMP or CPS and certificates from other countries or jurisdictions do fulfill this requirement.
3. All teachers RSCDS Calgary Branch classes must adhere to this requirement.
 - a. In the case of a temporary teacher (eg for a SCD workshop or Summer Dancing) then a branch member with a current Vulnerable Sector Check document must be present in the class.
4. The RSCDS Calgary branch strongly advises that, in order to protect both teachers and children or others deemed vulnerable, at no time should an adult be alone with a single child/vulnerable person where they cannot be observed and/or interrupted by others.
5. All children attending events such as a Ball or Ceilidh held by the RSCDS Calgary Branch must be supervised.
 - a. In the case of a child attending an event without a parent, guardian or caregiver, the attached release must be filled out.

DEFINITION OF A VULNERABLE PERSON

Vulnerable members of society are defined in the Criminal Records Act as persons who, because of age, disability, or other circumstances, whether temporary or permanent are:

- a) In a position of dependence on others or,
- b) Are otherwise at a greater risk than the general population of being harmed by a person in a position of authority or trust relative to them.

This includes children, youth, senior citizens, people with physical, developmental, social, emotional, or other disabilities, as well as people who are victims of crime or harm. The vulnerability may be a temporary or permanent condition.

Permission Form

_____ (child's name) has permission to attend
_____ (event) on
_____ (date) from
_____ (time).

I appoint _____ (name) as their chaperone for this event.

If needed, I give my permission for my child to receive emergency medical treatment. In an emergency, please contact:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian should retain this copy for their records

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