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# The Registration to Work with Vulnerable People Scheme

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**Our role is to promote the safety, welfare and protection of vulnerable persons including children.**

## **Regulated activities and how they relate to clubs & associations and coaching or tuition services**

For the purposes of a sporting club and association, a child-related regulated activity is defined as any cultural, recreational, sporting or community activity or service provided primarily for children by a club, association, movement, society or other similar body.

For the purposes of coaching and/or tuition services, a child-related regulated activity would constitute any service which directly involves the coaching or tutoring of children. This includes but is not limited to sports, driving, singing, music, dance or other types of education services.

## **What is contact with a child?**

The term 'contact' in the context of regulated activities between a person and a vulnerable person (child) can occur in a number of ways:

- (1) Physical contact including a person taking part in a regulated activity in the same place as a vulnerable person.
- (2) Oral communication, whether face-to-face or telephone; and/or
- (3) Written communication including electronically.

As well as any contact which would be reasonably expected between a person and vulnerable people as a normal part of their role and would be more than incidental.

## **Obligations under the Act**

Persons registered within the RWVP Scheme are obligated by the Act to keep their personal details and involvements in regulated activities (such as clubs and associations) up to date.

Employers are obligated under the Act to ensure that their employees or volunteers are registered if they are to engage in a regulated activity with children or vulnerable people. Employers can check current registration statuses of their employees and/or volunteers here:

<https://wwcforms.justice.tas.gov.au/MyLicence/>

These rules are designed to protect vulnerable persons by setting standards for those who work closely with them to minimise a risk of harm.

## Examples of possible types of engagement in child-related regulated activities:

### Clubs & association

- Sporting coaches (including assistants and reserves), coordinators and team managers
- Guide & scout leaders
- Track or other event officials
- First aid officers and trainers
- Member protection information and welfare officers
- Development officers
- Members of a board of management, or a committee of a club, organisation, movement, society or other body
- Playgroup facilitators and staff
- Event and school sport coordinators
- Junior chaperones

### Coaching and tuition

- Private coaches and tutors for children.
- Instructors such as for martial arts, equestrian riding, golf, swimming, sailing, music, dance and/or driving
- Educational mentors
- Stage hands
- Library or child care program facilitators
- Camp counsellors and coaches



### Exemptions for persons engaging in child-related regulated activities

In Tasmania, certain employment and volunteering activities may be exempt from requiring registration under the RWVP Scheme. Some of these exemptions include:

- A person under 16 years old
- A police officer (while undertaking duties in their professional role)
- A person who relocates to Tasmania and has registration under a corresponding law (Note: must apply under the Tasmanian RWVP Scheme upon expiry)
- Services which are performed for the general public (such as lifeguarding)
- Coaches or tutors who teach or assist via an informal arrangement with a neighbour, friend, or relative
- Sporting officials (referees, umpires, linespersons, groundspersons, etc.) who are not alone with children for long periods of time
- Spectators at child events
- Administrative staff with no direct contact with children

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