



Volunteer Guidelines

We welcome Volunteers

From the very beginning, skilled and enthusiastic volunteers of all ages and abilities have been a key part of Abilities Centre's community. The time and effort generously donated by these individuals has contributed to the success of specialized programs and events that change lives. Thanks to the support of our volunteers, we have become a place where everyone can belong.

As a Volunteer at the Abilities Centre, you are a key part of our organization. We want to ensure that our volunteers and members alike are safe and thriving. As such, we've developed Volunteer Guidelines to insure the best fit for the Centre and our Volunteers.

Police Record Check Policy

All Volunteers over the age of 18 who undergo our interview process AND are selected for available opportunities will be asked to complete a Police Records Check with Vulnerable Sector Search. The selected Volunteer will be given a Police Reference Check request letter which is to be taken by the Volunteer to their local Police Station for processing and payment. (We will accept Police Checks that have been obtained previously by the Volunteer, if they were completed within the last year.)

Police Checks are vital to ensuring that Abilities Centre is a safe and secure environment for our clients and members. Criminal records will not necessarily disqualify a candidate from receiving an offer to Volunteer. However, the nature and circumstances surrounding the criminal record will be evaluated.

Please note: As a condition of selection, all staff and volunteers must notify the Abilities Centre within five days of being charged or convicted of a criminal offence.

Volunteer Age Restrictions

Age	Volunteer Opportunities	Reasoning
14 Years Old	Event Work Only	Due to the vulnerable nature of some of our clients, and the maturity required to work within our programs, we ask that volunteers in this age category join us at Special Events as an introduction to Abilities Centre!
15 Years Old +	All Areas of Volunteer Work	Once selected, Volunteers can assist in all areas of the facility!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact
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