D9550 Youth Protection Compliance Requirements

To conduct a Rotary activity that involves young people, Rotary International requires certain procedures. Each state and territory also imposes responsibilities on organisations working with young people.

In the event that the activity allows for "one on one" contact, or the adult person is alone with a young person for a period of time, that person must be screened. The screening process requires the "Volunteer" adult person to provide a Volunteer Declaration.

"Form3: Rotary Youth Volunteer Information and Declaration" includes the following 3 elements:

1. Names of three Referees (To establish suitability)

Criminal history check
Working with Children Card
(Declaration to establish eligibility)
(State &Territory Legislation)

Note. A Blue Card or Ochre Card only is insufficient without completion of steps 1&2

Reference should be made to the District Protection Manuals for the definition of a "Volunteer" http://www.d9550rotary.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Form-3-Rotary-Youth-Volunteer-Information-and-Declaration-Form-April-20121.pdf

Clubs that participate in any Rotary activity or Program involving young people shall:

- Appoint a Club Protection Officer
- Maintain a Register of Volunteer Declarations
- Provide a copy of the Register to the DPO
- Complete and return the annual Club Protection Declaration
- Assign one club meeting per year for information and training
- Clubs who host or sponsor YEP students must be "Certified"

Resources:

- District Protection Officer: PDG Peter Kaye, email: pkaye1@bigpond.com
- District Website http://www.d9550rotary.org.au/documents-forms-for-downloads/
- District Protection Policy Manuals www.d9550rotary.org.au
- RI Website <u>www.rotary.org</u>



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