

**Safe Places reviews all background checks to determine the eligibility for Safe Places - Youth Certification in line with the following criteria**

1. Any offence which you have been charged with
2. If you are suspected, under investigation or facing criminal charges or any other charges, including those from a sport body, private tribunal or government agency

### **Review Process**

Any offence that requires a review based on the set criteria will be handled by the Safe Places review committee.

### **What if i have a record, am I eligible to apply?**

Only some offences will be ineligible to receive Safe Places Youth Certification. Other offences will be assessed based on the type of offense and the time line of the record. We encourage everyone to apply for Safe Places - Youth certification anyway.

### **Denied Application**

A denied application may be appealed. Please contact [portal@safeplaces.ca](mailto:portal@safeplaces.ca) for more information or to begin this process. A denied application may not be permanent and you are invited to reapply in the future

### **Criminal Offences Review Criteria**

These will be reviewed within the following categories and aligned with the Safe Places review criteria of offences:

**Summary offences:** These are less serious offences. The maximum penalty for a summary offence is usually a \$5,000 fine and/or six months in jail. Some summary offences have higher maximum sentences. They include breaches of a probation order.

**Indictable offences:** These are more serious offences and include theft over \$5,000, break and enter, aggravated sexual assault and murder. Maximum penalties for indictable offences vary and include life in prison. Some indictable offences have minimum penalties.

**Hybrid offences:** These are offences that can be dealt with as either summary or indictable. Crown counsel makes the decision about how the offence will be handled.

The following offences are some that that we review and assess the risk associated with approving an individual eligible for Youth Certification. This does not contain a full list of charges but summarizes common ones.

Offences that will deem a person ineligible to receive Youth Certification may include:

- Aggravated Assault
- Sexual Assault
- Sexual Interference
- Sexual Exploitation
- Invitation to Sexual Touching
- Making, distributing, or possessing child pornography
- Current prohibitions or probation orders forbidding the individual to have contact with children under the age of 14
- Indictable criminal offences for child abuse
- Luring a child
- Voyeurism
- Possession of the Purpose of Trafficking
- Production of a Substance (as defined in the C.D.S.A)

Likely offences for which will disqualify a individual from Youth Certification as part of a review process may include the following:

- Common Assault
- Assault with a weapon
- Assault causing Bodily Harm
- Threatening
- Possession of a Substance (as defined in the Controlled Drug and Substance Act [C.D.S.A])
- Theft, Fraud and Related Offence (while in a Position of Trust)
- Convictions pertaining to illegal substances, other than for manufacture and/or trafficking
- Firearm Related Offences (other than the use of firearm in the commission of an offence)
- Robbery
- Fail to Comply with Probation Order/Recognizance
- Fail to Appear/Fail to Attend Court

### Other Charges

Any cases where you are suspected, under investigation or facing charges, from a sport body, private tribunal or government agency that would contradict your role as a Trusted Adult in the protection and safety of youth will be reviewed. These may include instances of Bullying, Abuse, Harassment and Discrimination.