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We want sport to keep kids safe!

Every year, more than half a million children and young people across NSW participate in sport and recreational activities. Kids are able to participate thanks to the contribution and support of thousands of dedicated volunteers and paid staff.



Child Safe Sports
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Promoting child safe
sports in NSW,
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Jason Trifiro, Western Sydney Wanderers player and head coach of Futboltec, supports Child Safe Sports.

In June 2013 the legislation changed, requiring people working or volunteering with children under 18 years to have a **Working With**

Children Check.

For existing employees and volunteers there is a legislated phase-in to the new system and for people who work in sports this is between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2016.

There are important exemptions to the requirement to obtain a Working With Children Check, particularly for volunteers.

There are exemptions for volunteer parents and other close relatives whose children are participating in a sports activity. There are also exemptions for those who help around the club but do not have direct face-to-face contact with children, such as canteen staff or maintenance workers.

Free child safe training for the sports sector

The Office of the Children's Guardian is running free seminars across NSW to help you and your sports club to understand:

- Your Working with Children Check obligations, and the application and verification process
- Who needs and who does not need a new Check (including parent volunteers)
- Information on how to help make your organisation child safe

[Find your nearest child safe organisations seminar](#)

General information about the Working With Children Check