



Information Sheet on Volunteer Clearances

Pennsylvania State Child Protective Service law requires that all volunteers, who come into contact with or are responsible for children, submit the following clearances every 5 years:

As an unpaid volunteer working with children, it is required that you complete the following background checks:

1. State Criminal History Check
 - done through PA state police via online website: <https://epatch.state.pa.us/help/Overview.jsp#safari>
 - Free of charge when choosing “volunteer” option.
2. Child Abuse Clearance
 - done through Department of Public Welfare via online website: <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home>
 - Choose “Create Individual log in” when doing the clearance for the first time
 - Free of charge when choosing “volunteer” option.
3. FBI Criminal History Clearance (required only if you’ve lived outside of the state of Pennsylvania at any time during the last 10 years)
 - This is a fingerprint test performed by the PA state police.
 - Registration and appointment scheduling must be complete online prior to going in-person to receive fingerprinting
 - Valid photo ID needed
 - See cite for more details: <https://uenroll.identogo.com/workflows/1KG6ZJ/appointment/bio>
 - \$23.85 fee

