

Wicomico County Department of Recreation, Parks and Tourism
Policy on Volunteer Standards

It is the policy of the Wicomico County Department of Recreation, Parks and Tourism to deny anyone from volunteering in an official capacity in a youth program if he or she has been convicted of any of the following crimes:

- Child abuse or neglect
- Crimes of a sexual nature
- Murder, assault or other violent crimes
- Selling of, or intent to sell, controlled substances
- Possession of a controlled substance within the past 5 years

“Official capacity” shall include coaches, assistant coaches, volunteer program leaders, and anyone else the Department determines is volunteering in a position of leadership or authority.

Further, the Department does not allow a volunteer to drive youth participants in an automobile if he or she has been convicted of driving under the influence within the past 10 years.

The Department requires a criminal background check to be conducted on anyone who wishes to serve as a volunteer in an official capacity in order to determine if he or she has been convicted of one of these crimes.

While charges for one of the aforementioned crimes are pending, the Recreation Commission, or their designees, shall review the charges to determine if a suspension is warranted until the charges are resolved.

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