PA Background Checks (Volunteers)
What do I need & When do I need them?

If you are a New Jersey Resident working with a New Jersey Pack, Troop or Crew and you have no District or Council responsibilities working with children—go no further. This does not apply to you.

Start Here

If you already have the required unexpired background checks for another organization—go no further (they are good for 5 years)

Are You a Direct contact Leader?
- Cubmaster or Asst. Scoutmaster or Asst.
- Tiger, Den or Webelos Leader or Asst.
- Crew Advisor or Asst. Post Advisor or Asst.
- Skipper or Mate
- Are you a Merit Badge Counselor or Unit Commissioner?

YES

NO

Do your volunteer responsibilities include either of the following:
- Are you ever in charge of a group of Scouts
- OR
- Do you assist in the care, supervision, Guidance or control of Scouts more than 3 times during a calendar year at meetings and day trips or on more than one camping trip since joining the unit.

YES

NO

You do not meet the criteria
Complete the Waiver of PA Mandated Background Checks

Have you lived in PA for the last 10 years?

YES

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You have until July 1, 2016 to complete the following background checks
- PA State Police Criminal History
- DHS Child Abuse History Clearance
- Waiver of FBI background check

You must complete the following background checks prior to working with children
- PA State Police Criminal History
- DHS Child Abuse History Clearance
- Waiver of FBI background check

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