# Working with Children Checks for Agricultural Shows



# Who Requires a Working With Children Check?

Directly supervising children

Or

Directly interacting with children



#### Are there any exemptions?

- Under 18s
- Visiting NSW for a short time
- Close relatives volunteering at their children's usual school and extra-curricular activities. There are three specific instances when close relatives do need a Check when they are volunteering at school or activities:
- 1. providing personal care for a child with disability
- 2. participating in a formal mentoring program
- 3. at an overnight camp for kids.



#### How do I apply for a working with Children Check?

1. Fill in an online application form. Go to

http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au If you do not have access to the internet call 02 9286 7219 for assistance.

- 2. Present proof of identity to a Service NSW location and pay fee. (If you are a volunteer, it is free. \$80 if employee).
- 3. Send your name, date of birth and clearance number to your local show



#### How to register as employer?

The process to register your organisation is quick and simple:

- •On the **Employer Registration** page
- •Fill in online form. Enter your organisation's name, address and ABN.
- Nominate two people within your organisation who will be notified in the event a child-related worker becomes barred
- Click Submit.

#### How to verify a Working with Children Check?

Verification **must** be done online and a record kept. These are legal requirements.

The process to verify a person online is quick and simple:

- On the <u>Employer log in and verify</u> page
- Enter in your organisation's username and password
- Select Verify Working with Children Check status tab
- Enter in a worker's family name, birth date, Working with Children Check number or Application number and click, Verify. This will generate a short report indicating the person's status

#### Status

#### These are the possible statuses:

- Application in progress
- Cleared
- Barred
- Interim barred
- Not found
- Expired
- Closed

## Steps towards being child safe

- Code of conduct
- Appoint a child safety officer
- Identify risks, consider ways to minimize, review regularly
- Regular child safety training

## Questions?