

Permission Forms for Children & Youth in Care

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What are 'permission forms'?

- Permission forms provide consent for a child/youth to participate in social and recreational activities at school or outside of school
- Includes waivers and indemnities intended to protect an organization from claims and financial loss
- Indemnities usually contain words such as *indemnify, hold harmless or release of liability*

Why is policy about signing permission forms changing?

- To ensure children in care have the same opportunities to participate in activities as children not in care
- To prevent delays in signing permission forms for children in care
- To respond to the BC Representative for Children and Youth's recommendation to allow caregivers to decide if children in their care can participate in activities that require written permission



What do workers, caregivers and educators need to know?

- Delegated workers no longer send indemnity forms to *Risk Management Branch* for approval before signing
- Caregivers should now sign all permission forms, including waivers and indemnities, unless they determine that the activity is high-risk or they have concerns about signing
- If the caregiver does not sign the form, it must be brought to the attention of the worker immediately for their consideration

More information is available:

Revised policy with information on assessing high-risk activities will be posted in Fall 2018, including:

- Chapter 5 – Children & Youth in Care Policies
- Standards for Foster Homes

MCFD's Child Welfare Policy:

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