



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How Does It Work?

Under Question 1, The Background Check Initiative, unlicensed sellers (individuals or online sellers) will meet their buyers at a licensed gun dealer. Over 97% of Nevadans live within 10 miles of a licensed gun dealer, so this would be easy and convenient.

If the gun dealer agrees to help process the sale, the dealer will conduct a background check on the potential buyer and comply with state and federal law. Ninety percent of checks are completed in 90 seconds or less. For those that are not, the seller can take the gun with him or her while the check is being completed, provided the buyer and seller return to the dealer to complete the transfer.

What Are The Exceptions?

Question 1, the Background Check Initiative does not require checks for the following transfers:

- Sales, gifts, or other exchanges between immediate family members;
- Temporary transfers for self-defense, hunting and trapping, target-shooting, and organized competitions and performances, or between parties during sale of firearm.
- Transfers by or to a law enforcement agency or a peace officer, security guard, or member of the armed forces acting within the course and scope of his or her employment or official duties;
- Transfers of antique firearms;
- Transfers to executors of estates or trusts;
- Transfers between family members including parents, children, siblings, grandparents, grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

What will Question 1, the Background Check Initiative, do?

Current law requires a background check to purchase a gun from a licensed dealer, but criminals and other dangerous people who are prohibited from having guns can easily avoid background checks by buying guns from unlicensed sellers—including strangers selling guns online or at gun shows—no background check required, no questions asked. This initiative will close that loophole and require criminal background checks for all gun sales in Nevada, with reasonable exceptions for family members.

VOTE YES ON 1

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Will Question 1 make it harder to purchase a gun?

With an estimated 1,000 licensed firearm dealers in Nevada, law-abiding Nevadans won't notice any difference under this initiative—the only people “inconvenienced” will be felons, domestic abusers, and other dangerous people who are prohibited from having guns under federal law.

How much will the background check cost?

The initiative does not set a price, but allows licensed dealers to charge a “reasonable fee” for running the background check—the same as they do now for sales from their stores.

Will Question 1 create a registry of firearms?

No. Current federal law prohibits creating or keeping a registry of firearm purchasers. This initiative does not impact that law—it only focuses on enforcing other laws to help prevent criminal access.

How does Question 1 impact gun shows?

Current Nevada law requires licensed dealers—but not individual sellers—to conduct background checks at gun shows. Question 1 simply levels the playing field for all buyers and sellers. An unlicensed seller can simply walk the firearm to a licensed dealer, who can perform the background check on the spot. Most checks take less than 90 seconds.

Do background checks work to deter criminal access to firearms?

Yes. While no law can end all crime, background checks can and do make it harder for dangerous people to access firearms—and can help save lives. Since the background check system went into effect, nearly 2.5 million sales to dangerous people have been blocked because they failed background checks at licensed dealers. And in states that require background checks for all gun sales, there are 46% fewer women shot to death by intimate partners; 48% fewer law enforcement officers shot and killed; and 48% less gun trafficking.

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