



# Background Check Checklist

DIY research using free public records — save \$100+ per search

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## Step 1: Verify Identity

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- ☐ Confirm full legal name (including middle name)
- ☐ Get date of birth if possible
- ☐ Search [FastPeopleSearch.com](#) or [TruePeopleSearch.com](#)
- ☐ Note all addresses from the past 7 years
- ☐ Identify the county for each address

## Step 2: Criminal Records (Search Each County)

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- ☐ Google "[County Name] court records search"
- ☐ Search criminal case index by name + DOB
- ☐ Note case numbers, charges, and dispositions
- ☐ Repeat for EACH county where they've lived
- ☐ Search [PACER](#) for federal cases ([pacer.uscourts.gov](#))

## Step 3: Sex Offender Registry

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- ☐ Search [NSOPW.gov](#) (national database)
- ☐ Also check state-specific registry for more details

## Step 4: Civil Records

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- ☐ Search county civil court for lawsuits
- ☐ Check for eviction cases (may be in civil or small claims)
- ☐ Search [PACER](#) for federal civil + bankruptcy

- ☐ Note if they were plaintiff or defendant

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## Step 5: Employment/Education

- ☐ Verify employer exists (Google search)
- ☐ Check LinkedIn for work history
- ☐ Verify degree: contact school registrar
- ☐ Check accreditation: [ope.ed.gov](https://ope.ed.gov)

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## Step 6: Professional Licenses

- ☐ Search state licensing board
- ☐ Verify license is active
- ☐ Check for disciplinary actions
- ☐ Medical: [docinfo.org](https://docinfo.org)
- ☐ Finance: [brokercheck.finra.org](https://brokercheck.finra.org)

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## Step 7: Social Media Review

- ☐ Search name on Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, X
- ☐ Check [Namechk.com](https://namechk.com) for username across platforms
- ☐ Review recent posts for red flags
- ☐ Google their email address and phone number

 **Important:** For employment or housing decisions, you may need to use an FCRA-compliant service and get written consent. This checklist is for personal/informal research only.

### Want the complete guide?

Full Background Check DIY guide includes state-by-state resources, 5 detailed checklists, property/asset search, and legal considerations.

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