

## Connecticut Governor To Sign Executive Order Banning Gun Sales To Americans On “Watchlists”

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Gov. Dannel Malloy plans to sign the first executive order in the nation to **ban the sales of guns to people on government watch lists.**

[As NBC Connecticut reports.](#)

**“We intend to prevent, by executive order through my powers as governor, those on government watch lists from obtaining a permit to purchase a firearm in Connecticut,”** Malloy said.

Anyone who wishes to get a gun in Connecticut must first apply for a permit from a public safety agency, then a thorough background check is conducted, Malloy said.

**“The executive order would add an additional level of protection and require those who apply for a permit to be screened against government watch lists,”** Malloy said during a news conference on Thursday afternoon.

Assault weapons are already banned in Connecticut and this executive order would prevent anyone on a government watch list from buying a handgun, shotgun, rifle or ammunition in the state.

**“I have been in touch with the White House directly on this matter and we are working with federal authorities to gain access to their lists for this purpose,”** Malloy said.

He said his administration is working with the federal government to determine the appropriate lists to be included — from the no-fly list to a combination of those who should not have weapons.

**“If approved, we will sign an executive order. We will take action. Like all Americans, I’ve been horrified by the recent terrorist attacks in California and Paris. This should be a wakeup**

**call for all of us. This is a moment to seize here in America**, and today, I am here to say in Connecticut, we are seizing this moment,” Malloy said.

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