

HOW A FELON BUYS A GUN

...no questions asked.



There are four channels to legally buy a gun in the U.S., but currently only one (purchasing from a gun store) requires a background check. This means that violent felons and other dangerous people have multiple options for buying guns, *no questions asked*.

The Manchin-Toomey bill would require that a criminal background check be conducted prior to any commercial gun sale—including those that occur at gun shows or through online advertisements. Sales to friends and family would be exempt, and individuals would not be required to keep any new records of gun sales.

* Sales between friends, neighbors, and family members who don't need to advertise to find each other would be exempt from background checks, but stranger-to-stranger sales are the biggest problem, since it is already illegal to knowingly sell a weapon to a felon or other person who is prohibited from having one.

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