Pre-Background Check Preparation

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Familiarize yourself with all background check laws, including:

- Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA).
- Fair Chance to Compete for Jobs Act.
- Anti-discrimination laws.
- State and local laws that apply to you.

2

Determine if your open position requires a background check; ask yourself:

- Does my industry require background checks?
- Do we need to conduct a background check for this position to ensure the safety of our business, customers, and employees?
- Have we performed background checks for similarly situated candidates in the past?

3

Select the types of background checks you what to perform, such as:

- Criminal
- Social security
- Reference

- Civil court
- Social media
- Healthcare sanctions

- Credit
- Employment or education history
- International

Driving record

Create a background check policy, and remember that it's best practice to:

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- Run checks after a conditional offer of employment.
- Avoid blanket policies of rejecting candidates based on certain results.
- Conduct checks on all similarly situated candidates.
- Get the policy reviewed by a legal expert.

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Background Check Steps

