

# Important Contacts

## New York State NICS

[nysnics.ny.gov/app](https://nysnics.ny.gov/app)

General Helpline: 1-877-NYS-NICS

Email: [nysnics@troopers.ny.gov](mailto:nysnics@troopers.ny.gov)

## NYS Attorney General

[ag.ny.gov](https://ag.ny.gov)

General Helpline: 1-800-771-7755

TTY: 1-800-788-9898

Send an Administration Appeal:

[Background.Check@ag.ny.gov](mailto:Background.Check@ag.ny.gov)

Scan the QR code for the appeals form or visit the webpage:  
[nysnics.ny.gov/app/home/appeal](https://nysnics.ny.gov/app/home/appeal)



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STATE ASSEMBLYMAN  
**KEN BLANKENBUSH**

Dear Friend,

I understand the frustrations New York State's Concealed Carry Improvement Act (CCIA) implementation has caused customers and gun shop owners. Gun ownership is a protected constitutional right. It's the symbol of freedom and our afforded right to protect ourselves and our families.



During this legislative session, I have stood my ground to preserve the integrity of the Second Amendment by sponsoring bills that:

- Repeal background check fees for gun and ammunition purchases (A.8185)
- Repeal excessive licensing requirements (A.5049)
- Reduce the hassle for licensed wildlife hunters to purchase ammunition without contacting the statewide license and record database (A.8085)
- Permit judges or magistrates to defend themselves and others in the courtroom if danger arises (A.7968-A)

**I have prepared this brochure with resources and steps for buyers whose background checks were denied.**

After receiving the reason for the denial from the State Police, the next step is to administratively appeal the denial to the Office of the New York State Attorney General (OAG) or through the NYS NICS website.

**It is important to be thorough and detailed when requesting the appeal.** If you have any questions or comments about this or other issues, you can reach out to the important contacts or my office.

I am here to serve the North Country and Mohawk Valley by doing what's right- protecting lawful gun owners from Albany's lack of common sense policies and on our Second Amendment rights.

Sincerely,



Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush

# AMMO BACKGROUND CHECK APPEALS

## Important information from NYS NICS

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## Appealing a Denial

Any potential buyer or transferee shall have thirty days to appeal the denial of a background check using an online form established by the New York State Police Superintendent.

You may submit an appeal request by going to: [NYSNICS.NY.GOV](https://nysnics.ny.gov) and clicking on the “Appeals” link on the left-hand side. Select the “Appeals Form.”

**Appellant will be required to enter their:**

1. Complete Name
2. State Transaction Number (STN) for the Denied Transaction
3. Reason for Appeal

Upon receipt of an appeal, the New York State Police NICS unit shall provide the applicant a reason for the denial in writing within thirty days.

After receiving the reason for the denial from the New York State Police, you may appeal the denial determination to the New York State Office of the Attorney General.

## Record Challenges

In the event of a denial, you may challenge the accuracy of the record used in the determination of your denial to declare your rights to obtain a firearm have been restored. If you have additional information (ex: court documentation) to assist the New York State Office of the Attorney General in correcting or updating your record, you should include the documentation with your written correspondence.

## Questions of Identity

You are entitled to question the identity of the criminal history record used as the basis for your denial by having your fingerprints taken or electronically scanned by law enforcement or an authorized fingerprinting agency. The agency preparing your fingerprints must provide an agency name, address, telephone number, an Originating Agency Identifier number (assigned by the FBI), and the legible signature of the person who rolled your fingerprints on the fingerprint card. The reason fingerprinted should be marked “For NICS Purposes.” Failure to provide any of the required information may result in the rejection of your appeal.

## Some Possible Prohibitors:

- ✗ Has been convicted of a felony offense;
- ✗ Is a fugitive from justice;
- ✗ Is an unlawful user of or addicted to any controlled substance;
- ✗ Has been adjudicated as a mental defective or has been committed to a mental institution;
- ✗ Is illegally or unlawfully in the United States, or has been admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant visa (with limited exceptions);
- ✗ Has been discharged from the Armed Forces under dishonorable conditions;
- ✗ Has renounced U.S. citizenship, after having been a citizen of the United States;
- ✗ Is subject to a qualifying order of protection that restrains the purchaser from harassing, stalking, or threatening an intimate partner or child of such intimate partner;
- ✗ Has been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence; or
- ✗ Is under indictment for a felony offense.

Sources: NYS State Police, NYS NICS, NYS Attorney General

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