

Driver Background Checks

Every driver who applies to become a part of the Lyft community is screened for criminal offenses and driving incidents.

Each background check includes:



A social security number trace — searches against a database of over 400 different sources such as property deeds/mortgages, vehicle registrations, licenses and permits, US Postal Mail Forwarding Service, utility company billing records, and other resources where the individual has used the social security number along with a name and an address. This search generates a history of past and present addresses and a list of names associated with those addresses, including aliases, maiden names, nicknames and names misspelled or variously transliterated across languages.



An enhanced nationwide criminal search — searches against hundreds of millions of records collected from all over the country, including state Department of Corrections, most wanted lists, and outstanding warrants as a part of SterlingBackCheck criminal background screening services.



County court records — directly searches criminal records from courts within any U.S. counties that the prior searches have identified as linked to the applicant. This search reveals any felony or misdemeanor cases and their final outcome, or current status if the matter is still pending.¹



Federal criminal court records — This search identifies criminal case details and outcomes from any of the 94 U.S. federal district courts.



U.S. Department of Justice 50-state sex offender registry search — searches the publicly available Federal Department of Justice (DOJ) Sex Offender Registry which includes real-time listings of registered sex offenders and other violent offenders in all 50 states.²



Background Check

Screens for the following crimes as reported by credit reporting agency¹:

- Violence
- Sexual Offenses in the publicly available sex offender registry
- Felonies
- Drug-related Offenses



Driving Record Check

Screens for the following as reported by credit reporting agency:

- Age 21+ with 1 year or more of driving history³
- Valid personal auto insurance that meets or exceeds state requirements
- No more than three minor violations in the past 3 years
- No major or severe violations in the past 3 years (e.g. reckless driving)

¹Only the most recent 7 years of criminal conviction records are reviewed for convictions recorded in CA, CO, KS, MA, MD, MT, NH, NM, NV, NY, TX, & WA.

²except Nevada, which currently has an injunction in place.

³19 or older for drivers in NYC