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A criminal history check is any formal verification of an individual's criminal record. In the UK this is a DBS check, Disclosure Scotland or AccessNI. Internationally, equivalent checks include the FBI identity history summary (USA), police clearance certificate (many countries), or a federal background check.