

Smart Screen™ - TenantCheck Government

A breakthrough first step in criminal background screening for housing assistance programs



Background checks for housing assistance programs can be time-consuming and complex, delaying the application process. Smart Screen - TenantCheck Government helps public housing authorities and property managers accelerate the criminal background screening function by leveraging an expansive proprietary U.S. incarceration data network¹ and a sex offender registry data network to provide a screening solution that delivers a "no incarceration or sex offender records found" result instantly for applicants/tenants who have no associated records in the networks. This response **is** a consumer report and enables a quick first step check that may help property managers and public housing authorities spend fewer resources on the manual research often involved with traditional background screening processes.

If the "no incarceration or sex offender records found" result is not available, you will receive a notification indicating more research is needed. A "more research is needed" response is **not** a consumer report and may not be used for a permissible purpose. See the Smart Screen User Guide for additional details on coverage and use.

Smart Screen - TenantCheck Government can help you:

Accelerate eligibility determinations.

Helps move a housing assistance applicant forward within seconds as opposed to traditional methods that may require days or even weeks of research.

Reduce work.

Helps reduce the need for additional manual research, saving public housing authorities and property managers time and money.

Simplify processes.

Leverages unique datasets and incorporates consumer identity information, in a separate output alongside the consumer report output, where available. This helps reduce manual effort for individuals without incarceration and sex offender records in an incarceration data network and a sex offender registry network.

Confidently evaluate results.

With the input of an SSN, Smart Screen leverages consumer identity information an expansive incarceration data network, and a sex offender registry network to deliver a "no incarceration or sex offender records found" output where possible, empowering you to move an applicant with no incarceration records or sex offender records in the data networks forward in the housing assistance process with confidence, where adequate coverage exists.

Governed by the FCRA.

A "no incarceration or sex offender records found" response is a consumer report and is governed by the Fair Credit Reporting Act. It may only be used for an FCRA permissible purpose.



Smart Screen - TenantCheck Government Product Options

Smart Screen - TenantCheck Government provides the only consumer report of its kind in the market, and it has two product options with varying features.

Smart Screen™ Plus - TenantCheck Government helps public housing authorities and property managers accelerate the criminal background screening function by leveraging a proprietary incarceration data network and a sex offender registry data network to provide a screening solution that delivers a "no incarceration or sex offender records found" result instantly for applicants who have no associated records in the networks.

Smart Screen™ Advanced - TenantCheck Government is the same as Plus, but includes filtering that tailors the check of incarceration records to the most recent seven (7) years.

Product Features	Smart Screen Plus - TenantCheck Government	Smart Screen Advanced - TenantCheck Government
Consumer Identity Information (including address history)	✓	✓
Proprietary Incarceration Data Network Search <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1,900+ County jails• 30+ State prison systems• 185M Incarceration records	✓	✓
Sex Offender Registry Network Search <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 50+ Sex Offender Registries	✓	✓
Filter Incarceration Data Check to the Most Recent Seven (7) Years		✓

Powered by the TotalVerify Data Hub

Smart Screen - TenantCheck Government is part of the TotalVerify data hub from Equifax, which provides government housing authorities quicker access to more trusted and differentiated datasets — helping support a more complete and informed view of applicants and enabling evidence-based decision-making, risk assessment, and information verification.

Visit our website to learn more at totalverify.equifax.com

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