

**Federal Bureau of Investigations
Record of Arrest and Prosecution Background (Rap Back)
Questions and Answers**

1. What is Rap Back?

Answer: Rap Back stands for Record of Arrest and Prosecution Background. This is a Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) service that allows authorized government agencies to receive notification of activity on individuals who hold positions of trust or who are under criminal justice supervision or investigation, thus eliminating the need for repeated background checks on a person from the same applicant agency.

2. What does FBI Rap Back check for?

Answer: An FBI Rap Back check includes a list of public federal misdemeanor and felony convictions. The check may include basic information about the charge, conviction, and resulting incarcerations.

3. How far back does an FBI Rap Back check go?

Answer: The FBI provides the entire Criminal History Record for the individual. There is no time limitation.

4. What happens if something comes up on my Rap Back?

Answer: Your servicing personnel security office with jurisdiction over your HSPD-12, Suitability and/or Security determination, will process the information in accordance with established processes and procedures.

5. How will I know if I need to be re-fingerprinted?

Answer: Individuals required to be fingerprinted will be contacted by their servicing Personnel Security Office, who will then provide them with instructions on how to begin the process and the timeframe by which they have to complete enrollment and fingerprinting.

6. What happens if I refuse to get re-fingerprinted?

Answer: Your cooperation if/when contacted to provide updated fingerprints is imperative in the determination of your continued eligibility for access to government information in accordance with Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations Part 710, Procedures for Determining Eligibility for Access to Classified Matter or Special Nuclear Material, section 6, 5 CFR 731, and HSPD-12. You may elect not to cooperate; however, such refusal may prevent your servicing personnel security office from reaching an affirmative finding required for continuing your access authorization. In this event, any access authorization may be administratively terminated.

7. Where do I go to be re-fingerprinted?

Answer: You will be directed to your local authorized USAccess enrollment station.

If you have further questions regarding the department's enrollment in the Rap Back System, please contact your servicing personnel security office.