Firearm Laws: Restrictions on Firearms Acquisition

**Task Force Finding**

**Intervention Definition**
 Acquisition restrictions exclude people with specified characteristics—thought to indicate high risk of illegal or other harmful use of firearms—from purchasing firearms. Restriction characteristics include criminal histories (e.g., felony conviction or indictment, domestic violence restraining order, fugitive of justice, conviction on drug charges); personal histories (e.g., persons adjudicated to be “mentally defective,” illegal immigrants, those with dishonorable military discharge); or other characteristics (e.g., juveniles).

**Task Force Finding (October 2001)**
 The evidence, consisting of a small number of qualifying studies with limitations in their design and execution, is insufficient to determine the effectiveness of acquisition restrictions on violent outcomes.

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**Publications**


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