

**KEEPING
NY SAFE**

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our families

**Facts you should know
about the NY SAFE Act**

How does the new gun-safety law affect you?*

*For more information, see: www.assembly.state.ny.us/gunsafety/

Q: What does the NY SAFE Act do?

A: Using common sense and reasonable reforms, the law is designed to make New York a safer place to live:

- bans high-capacity magazines and military-style assault weapons
- ensures all gun purchases are subject to a background check
- keeps guns away from convicted felons and out of the hands of those who pose a danger due to mental illness
- toughens criminal penalties on those who use illegal guns

Q: How do I find out if the gun I own is banned?

A: Most handguns and guns used for hunting are not assault weapons, and therefore not affected by this law. When looking to determine whether your gun qualifies as an assault weapon, there are **different military characteristics of the gun to consider**. For a list of makes, models and features, please visit: www.nysafeact.com.

Q: What do I have to do to buy a gun from someone who is not a dealer, i.e. a private seller?

A: Starting March 15, 2013, a dealer must perform a **NICS (National Instant Criminal Background Check System) check on the buyer**. The dealer will give the prospective buyer a form that shows that they passed the check.

***The dealer may charge no more than \$10.

Q: Will this affect ammunition purchases?

A: All dealers in ammunition must be registered with the State Police, and each sale will require both a state background check and transmission of a record of the sale to State Police, so as to enable alerts of high-volume purchases.

Q: I own an assault weapon. Do I need to give it up?

A: **No**. If you have an assault weapon, you have until **April 15, 2014 to register it with the state police**. There will be a form available online and registration is free. If you permanently modify your gun so that it is not an assault weapon, you do not have to register it.

Q: Does the new law affect magazines?

A: Yes. Beginning **April 15, 2013**, only magazines with the capacity to hold **7 rounds of ammunition or less** will be sold in New York.

Q: Is there any exception for historic or antique guns and magazines?

A: Yes, they are exempt from the prohibition against transfer. However, if the gun qualifies as an assault weapon it must be registered.

***Any magazine or gun manufactured more than 50 years ago qualifies as an antique.

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