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### **Criminal Background Checks Required for All Guests Wanting to Stay at the YMCA**

Effective April 1, 2019, in addition to the required National and State Sex Offender Registry Background Check, all guests applying for the YMCA's resident program will be required to consent to a Criminal History Background Check.

Guest names will be checked against National and State Sex Offender Registry once a week and criminal background checks will be conducted every six months.

Guests will be automatically terminated or denied accommodations in the YMCA's resident program for the following reasons:

1. The person refuses to consent to the criminal background check;
2. The person makes a false statement in connection with conducting such criminal background check;
3. The person is registered, or is required to be registered, on any sex offender registry;
4. The person has been convicted of a felony;
5. Has been convicted within the past 5 years, excluding the period of incarceration (if any), of a misdemeanor involving:
  - Physical assault or battery,
  - Drugs or controlled substances, or
  - Abuse of a family or household member.

The safety of our residents, members and program participants is always our highest priority. Adding criminal background screening to our existing policy of National Sex Offender Registry checks is part of our process of regularly reviewing and updating our policies and procedures to ensure we are doing all we reasonably can do to provide the safest environment possible for those in our facilities.

Please be assured, that background check findings shall be reviewed in a fair, impartial, and confidential manner. If the background check findings reveal a current resident's or applicant's past criminal conduct that excludes him/her from the residency program, the YMCA staff shall disclose the results of the background check and notify the applicant of the YMCA's reason why he/she is not being offered residency at the YMCA.

**Background checks are normally run between 9-11am Monday-Friday. The results come back anywhere from a few hours to a few days. Guests will not be allowed to check in until the results have cleared them. International guests may take up to a month to clear.**