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The following table provides names and contact information for CRS experts on policy and legal issues related to gun control. In the wake of mass shootings and other firearms-related violence, several gun control issues are often raised. They include improving and expanding background checks, further regulating certain semiautomatic firearms (“assault weapons” or “military-style” firearms) that accept detachable ammunition feeding devices (“magazines”), combating illegal gun trafficking, interstate concealed carry of handguns, and enacting or repealing appropriations limitations related to gun control. For a complete list of CRS products on gun control, see the CRS Issues Before Congress webpage “Regulation of Firearms.”

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<b>Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) Procedures and Operations</b>			
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<b>Armor Piercing Ammunition and Ballistics Imaging</b>			
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<b>Concealed Carry and Interstate Reciprocity</b>			
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<b>Firearms Privately Held by Members of the Armed Forces</b>			
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