

## What is a background check and how does it work?

To ensure a safe and secure work and learning environment, South Puget Sound Community College (SPSCC) performs background checks on employees and those who perform services on the college campuses over the age of 18.

You will receive an email from Checkr, Inc. when a background check is requested by SPSCC. Checkr will request both your authorization and your personal identifying information (PII), including:

- Phone number
- Email
- Social Security Number
- Date of birth

## Be sure to check your Junk Email folder!

Checkr, Inc. is a background check company who will gather information on behalf of the college; they will not make any decisions regarding employment or eligibility. Once Checkr has completed their search, SPSCC will be notified when the background check is clear, or that we will need to consider reported information. Convictions do not automatically disqualify an employee or service provider from working on our campuses; each conviction record will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Chief Human Resource Officer and the appropriate department heads to consider the nature of employment or service and the gravity of the offense, as well as time passed.

While most database screenings (SSN Trace, Sex Offender Search, Global Watchlist Search, and National Criminal Search) are completed within a few seconds, manual county court-level searches can slow the completion time depending on county courthouse operations.

## Please initiate your background check as soon as possible to avoid an interruption in your employment.

Checkr will email you reminders to complete your background check for seven days. If your background check is not completed within fourteen days, your employment or service commitment will be terminated.

## What does the Checkr Applicant Portal look like?

