



Livescan Fact Sheet

People are associated with their criminal history records based on fingerprints. Law enforcement agencies submit fingerprints to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) to link a person with criminal record information. Livescan technology allows agencies to submit those fingerprints electronically.

What is Livescan?

- Livescan is technology that allows agencies to collect and transmit arrest information including fingerprints to the BCA electronically. The data are entered into the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS).
- Electronic fingerprint capture allows for arrest and conviction information to be more accurately and quickly attached to a person's criminal record.
- Fingerprints must be clear and able to be classified in order for transfer to be successful.
- More than 190 Livescan devices are located in agencies throughout Minnesota.
- Description and arrest information is submitted with fingerprints to complete processing and allow arrest information to be added to a criminal history record.
- Many Livescan devices also have a digital camera to capture booking photos.
- Livescan devices also capture palm prints. Palm prints are present at approximately 40 percent of crime scenes.

Livescan Today

There are approximately 200,000 fingerprints submitted to the BCA each year, and 99 percent are submitted electronically. Livescan users will typically receive a response from the BCA with the subject's State ID (SID) within 2.5 minutes.

Minnesota statutes require that fingerprints be captured on the following offenses:

- Adult – Felonies
- Adult – Gross Misdemeanors
- Adult – Targeted Misdemeanors
- Adult – Misdemeanors when final disposition is submitted
- Juvenile – Felonies
- Juvenile – Gross Misdemeanors

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