

Obama administration gives specifications for smart gun tech

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The Obama administration is announcing baseline specifications for smart-gun technology.

The announcement Wednesday comes out of the executive action taken in January by President Barack Obama to curb [gun violence](#).

The specifications were developed by the Justice Department's National Institute of Justice.

The White House says the specifications are meant to ensure that smart-gun technology "available to law [enforcement agencies](#) is safe and reliable" and to demonstrate that a demand exists for weapons with enhanced safety features.

Officials say they hope the specifications will give manufacturers guidance about the basic requirements that [law enforcement agencies](#) expect from the technology.

As part of his January action, Obama directed the government to review the availability of smart-gun technology on a regular basis.

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