



## Always Start With the Back

The backside will often have indicators that will immediately reveal it as a fake.

Look for:

- Blurred imagery on barcode, seals or print
- Disclaimers, or wording such as " non government document" or " non transferable document"

## What information do you need to prosecute the individual abandoning the Fake ID?

Put the ID in an envelope with the information below. Surrender to:

*Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles  
Office of Investigation  
State House Station # 29  
101 Hospital St.  
Augusta, Maine 04333*

**The date and time** ID was taken

**The name of your business**

**The name on the ID** & the real name, if known

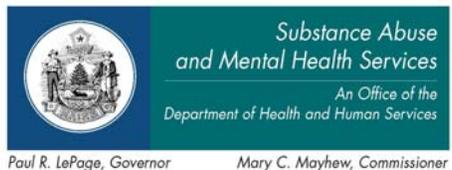
**ID Type:** Novelty, Altered, Forged or Real ID used by another or illegally obtained.

**State** where ID is allegedly issued

**Reason** for retention (why believe it to be a fake)

**Person retaining the ID** & phone number

What authorized **law enforcement agency** was notified of the retention?



# Identifying and Legally Retaining Fake IDs



A Liquor Licensee's Guide  
to Properly Identifying  
and Retaining Fake IDs

# It's a fake. Now what?

## How to Retain an ID to Verify Age

**Ask for and determine the type of ID.**

**When you suspect the ID to be false, advise the individual presenting it that you will be contacting the police to verify their age.**

**The vast majority of individuals will leave the premise at this time. Surrender the ID to the appropriate authorities at your earliest opportunity.**

**If the individual remains at the premise, call the local authorities immediately to verify the youth's age.**

**If the card has been abandoned and you do not wish to prosecute, put the ID(s) into an envelope and either mail or hand deliver to the appropriate law enforcement agency or mail to:**

**Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles  
Office of Investigation  
State House Station # 29  
101 Hospital St.  
Augusta, Maine 04333**

Remember, **you cannot confiscate or seize an ID**, but only retain it for a reasonable amount of time to verify the individual's age. Outside this authority, you too may be in violation of Maine State Law (Title 28-A §2516).

**Note: If the police do not respond in a reasonable amount of time, or the individual becomes unruly or confrontational, return the card, document what information possible and refuse service.**

**If you wish to prosecute the individual abandoning the ID, see the back page for more information.**

### Then check the front for:

- Issuing agency, all legitimate documents will have one
- Physical description (height, weight, hair, eyes and DOB)
- Picture (pay special attention to facial features)
- Grainy photos, UV print & document in general
- Expiration or duplicate document
- Check the typeset. Color and consistency of numbers of the date of birth should match the rest of the license or ID
- Check state seals, images or signatures that are superimposed over the picture and informational sections of the license or ID. If they are missing, "split" or appear to have been tampered with, it is likely the picture has been replaced.
- Look for holograms or print using the following language or symbols which may indicate possible forgery:
  - ◇ "Seal of Authenticity" - "Genuine" - "Authentic" - "Secure" or "Valid"
  - ◇ keys, eagles, locks, non governmental seals or globes

### When concerned about the age of a patron, ask questions:

1. What's your age?
2. What's your date of birth?
3. What's your middle name?
4. What's your address?
5. What year did you graduate from high school?
6. What is your "sign" (only if you know the astrological signs)
7. Have them sign their signature

### Watch and listen for non-verbal and verbal indicators:

- Not making eye contact or exaggerated eye contact
- Hesitation in responses or over emphasis in response
- Looking down toward the left when answering questions or presenting ID
- Appears overly nervous or confident (the extremes)

**When in doubt, ask for another form of identification; most frequently, the individual will not have backup ID.**