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EXTENSIVE USE OF FAKE IDs BY MINORS: A MATTER OF HUGE CONCERN

False identification has become a very grave issue worldwide. People use them for various purposes ranging from minor entry passes to huge credit card fraud. Minors are quite accustomed to the process of falsification of identification. While lots of them possess fake ID cards for personal use at the same time some are involved in the production of such fake IDs too. The identity cards which are most commonly falsified include college IDs, age cards, driver's licenses etc. Most of the minors resort to such activities just to enjoy the benefits available to the majors. With the help of fake IDs minors gain access to places where only majors are allowed. Some like to commit an illegal act in the form of identity falsification which is quite a natural thing for the minors. As they are not much aware of the laws and love adventures so such fake IDs are not a big issue for them.

Falsification of IDs at times may become very dangerous. For example, if a minor gains access to a driver's license of a major and drives a car in a drunken state which he bought from a wine shop with that fake ID itself then there is a big risk of an accident. Drunken minors pose a major threat to the society and themselves too. Knowingly or unknowingly they commit illegal activities with the help of falsified identifications.

Driver's license is not just an identity card. It differentiates a major from a minor. Moreover the government can easily keep track of the activities of the license holder. These are very important for the internal peace and security of a country. So, any kind of attempt to falsify these driving licenses by the minors may pose a bigger security threat to the society than assumed.

A study carried out by the University of South Australia has revealed several significant facts. Those include: 85% of minors aged between 16 and 17 are pretty much aware of the crimes regarding false identity cards.

A lot among them are also aware of the legal consequences of the use of fake IDs.

During a case study carried out under the same study it was found that only 27% of the minors in the age group 16-17 were asked for a ID card while trying to enter a place having entry restrictions for the minors. Moreover of that 27% amazingly 70% were granted entry. Among this 70%, fake IDs were used by 64% minors. The ones who were not asked for any kind of identification but gained entry accounted up to 98%.

The study proves that the authorities are quite flexible in case of IDs. Moreover the checkers are not capable enough to differentiate a fake ID from a true one. Such carelessness encourages the minors to continue with their misadventures. Now-a-days one can get fake IDs online too making the situation more grave. These are called as Novelty IDs. Though alternatives have been planned out but as of now they have not become functional enough to eradicate the problem of falsified IDs.