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## FAKE IDs: AN INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM

All the countries in the world are facing the problem of fake IDs. Especially the United States of America and the United Kingdom are facing large scale spreading of the problem of fake IDs. They are mostly being used by the minors to gain entry to the places which are actually open to the majors. Such places include bars, pubs, wine shops etc. Underage persons are using such IDs to buy cigarettes, alcoholic beverages, tobacco products etc. Lawmakers in these countries are continuously trying to innovate ways to curb such criminal activities. A lot of minors use the fake driver's license to drive the cars. In the process they get involved in accidents or fights with friends. The concerned authorities are putting good efforts to control such illegal activities as much as possible. As per such moves the governments have now put restrictions on the companies and websites which offer services to produce, sell or generate fake IDs.

Moreover the criminals and illegal immigrants are always on the lookout for fake IDs. The criminals use them to get advantage of the job market. Some use them to commit a new crime under someone else's name and identity. But the illegal immigrants are pretty nasty in case of the use of fake IDs. They use them to gain entry to a new country, to get a new identity. They use them to apply for work permits and permanent resident ship. But the most nasty use of fake IDs by the illegal immigrants include those uses made by the attackers of the infamous 9/11 episode. Those criminals behind that terrorist attack used fake IDs to enter the USA and settle there. Criminals use stolen personal information of the victims to gain advantage over the hired identity. They scan even the trashes of a target person to find personal data. Later those are used to buy services and products in the name of the victim by the criminal. The victim comes to know about it only when the bills arrive asking him to pay for the things and services he never applied for. Sometimes companies offering credit cards and loans also sell the customer's data to the fake ID rackets making the situation worse. In a very alarming trend some employees reportedly sell customers' data to the fake ID rackets making the customer identity theft prone. A lot of companies are infiltrated with such employees. Strict norms and punishments are being carried out by the employers so that such activities can be controlled. Moreover the government is formulating laws to prevent employees from selling customer's data to the criminal gangs. But overall the situation is quite distasteful for a common man as no one likes the company he is putting trust in is involved in the exploitation of his personal information. So, all the service providers need to be careful while dealing with the private data of its customers.

Amazingly, fake ID rackets have inside problems too. Some of them do not deliver products to the customers, some have disclaimers of an unofficial tag and some sell mean services.