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OLDER CHILDREN AND CRIMINALS: MAJOR USERS OF FAKE IDS

The world of late has seen a significant rise in the number of petty crimes especially in the United States of America. Day by day a lot of older children are getting attracted to such petty crimes which is really alarming. Such children include 12 years old ones too. Though a lot of crimes can be included under the tag petty crimes, among them a prominent one is the falsification of IDs. The older children have a major share of such crimes.

Almost all of the older children using these fake IDs use them to get entry to the pubs and bars which are actually for the majors. They regularly get engaged in underage drinking behaviours. With the use of such fake IDs anyone can pose as a major and buy liquors and cigarettes. For these reasons underage drinking has taken a toll in the country of late. Moreover as the consequences of underage drinking are quite high so the entire episode of fake IDs along with their misuse is becoming a grave problem for the government. To add more weight to this problem the parents are not taking the issue of the underage drinking much seriously thus indirectly giving a free hand to the use of fake IDs by their children.

Parents are largely responsible for the underage drinking. A lot of them feel that their children should be introduced to the drinking at home first so that they do not consume it outside. But in most of the cases this has proved to be a wrong measure. Moreover some parents engage their children to buy an alcoholic beverage which is a bad habit. Some children are served alcohol with the guests by their parents. All these factors encourage them to go for underage drinking. Since for their minor status they do not have access to wine shops, bars and pubs so they take help of fake IDs to gain entry to such places. So, now the authorities prosecute the parents whose children are involved in underage drinking.

The bars and pubs face stringent action by the police for selling alcoholic beverages and liquors to the minors and people bearing fake IDs. They may be charged with penalties starting from \$5,000 and temporary suspension of trade license for such crimes. So, now-a-days these establishments are very much careful to not allow any underage persons to enter their premises.

The most common form of identification in the United States is the use of driver's license. For the fact, they are quite easy to replicate and duplicate. Just by changing the name and date of birth of the original card anyone can use them for himself. Moreover the internet has offered readymade templates to make false IDs. On the other hand the templates of New Jersey are quite easy to copy. These factors have fuelled the growth of fake IDs of late.

Illegal immigrants and ex-criminals are other important users of the fake IDs. Ex-criminals use them to assimilate with the mainstream and get a new job. Some of them use them to pose as someone else and commit more crimes. Illegal immigrants are heavy users of such IDs as they need them regularly to get entry to new places and for work permits.

As of now a lot of US based sites have been regulated by the government. They are forced to regulate their business. They are engaged in selling novelty or souvenir cards which bear a disclaimer mentioning their unofficial status.



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