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USING FAKE IDs: HOW TERRIBLE A CRIME IS IT?

Most youngsters do not even consider using a fake ID to buy liquor as a criminal offense. After all, what can happen? They can be caught and in which case their fake ID, which is worth a few dollars, will be confiscated and they will be shown the door. No big deal, get another one, try a different store.

Legally and morally thinking, using a fake ID to buy liquor may not exactly be a grave offense as for an act to constitute an offense there has to be damage or hurt to a third party and here no one is actually being harmed. Also, the law seems partial in that it allows people of older ages to drink which is based on the premise that youngsters do not have a control over their senses. Even though the argument can be generally held to be true, generalizations are usually to be overlooked when it comes to law-making.

All these factors tilt highly in the favor of under-age drinkers using fake IDs. But here's what happens if you are caught using one. If you are lucky, the bartender seizes your card and asks you to leave with a polite smile. As a little bit of insult, your fake ID maybe displayed in the bar for people to see and laugh at. Get a little unlucky and you will be handed over to the police who will keep you in jail for the night and release you with your wallet weighing considerably less.

Other sorts of penalties may include, suspension of your genuine driver's license if you own one, community service and even jail time. Most states consider using fake IDs a felony but some states where the use is highly prevalent have upgraded the charge to a felony which is a much more serious offense.

You may wonder how on earth you would be caught with so many kids using fake IDs these days. But you never know, everyday scores of kids are caught across the country for producing fake IDs and these are usually sent to law enforcement agencies by the store owners. The police officers are then sure to follow up on the information and before you know, you will be charged for either of the two offenses depending on your state. Liquor store owners are getting better and better each passing day at spotting fakes and what with so many people offering to make fake IDs for you, you never know if your ID actually looks good enough to pass off.

If you are thinking that bar owners and attendants will usually let you in despite of your fake ID so they can have their business with you, think again. Bars and liquor stores are facing heavy penalties for providing liquor to minors and they get into far more serious trouble if they fail to detect the fake IDs than the users themselves. This may include losing their license to sell alcohol, so be rest assured that no store attendant will welcome you in with open hands despite of the fact that she knows you are carrying a fake ID. You will be reprimanded and the ID seized. The rest will be history.