



Fake IDs: Tools in Abusing Freedom

Fake ID's and underage children go hand in hand these days. The age of children procuring a fake ID and using it get younger every year. This is not just a problem in the United States of America but also in the United Kingdom. Preteens are starting to drink alcoholic beverages and the teenagers are so used to it that they convince themselves it is fine to get a fake ID to get into clubs and bars or to purchase alcoholic beverages. The sad part is when they get caught they face penalties that they are not aware of at all. Possessing a fake ID can land you in trouble even if you haven't used the fake ID at all. If you do use the fake ID, the penalty depends on what you purchase.

People use Fake ID for so many different reasons. Underage children apparently use these fake ID's to purchase liquor and cigarettes or to get into bars and clubs that restrict minors from entering. Other individuals use fake ID's to siphon off the resources or finances of the person whom they stole the ID from. These are your basic identity thieves who fake ID's to suit their needs. More uses for (1) [Fake ID's are for illegal immigrants](#) who wish to work and live in the country they are in at the moment. They get fake identification and documents so they can continue to work and live in the United States of America and avoid detection from the authorities. Yet another use for fake ID's is for ex-criminals to acquire another identity, usually a fictitious one, to be able to get a decent job. Usually, employers hesitate on hiring ex-cons because they do not trust them at all and the implications of having a criminal in their premises are just too volatile for them.

The United States of America and other progressive countries are trying to put a stop to identity theft and fake ID's. This has been put into the spotlight several times already when some employees of companies who hold the public trust have stolen personal data from their clients and sold them or used the information for their personal gain. It can not be helped that people should entrust their personal data to companies, especially government agencies that need these information. The problem arises when employees of the trusted company then abuses the trust laid upon them and misuses the data they have.

Fake ID's have been used for acts of terrorism and criminal acts such as stealing and fraud. It would seem that the use of underage children of fake ID's to purchase alcoholic beverages is a minor thing. This may seem so but in actuality it is not. Children are the bass of our future and if they learn the wrong thing when they are still young, what will they be when they grow up? To some people, underage drinking of alcoholic beverages may be no big deal, try to tell that to a mother whose child was accidentally struck by a drunk driver. Encouraging underage drinking by letting your children drink or at special occasions may immaterial to most parents but it could trigger a yearning to get more and this can not be controlled.

Some States in the U.S. clearly states that they have the authority to revoke or suspend driving privileges of any individual who has clearly violated the laws regarding fake driver's licenses and (2) [fake state identification cards](#). The first offense shall be suspension of the individual's driver's license for a minimum of 12 months while second offenders shall have their driver's licenses revoked indefinitely. The offense stated above shall be reflected on the individual's driver's license record for seven years.

Other convictions may be added to the penalties if the individual knowingly lends his driver's license to a minor for criminal or fraudulent use, or if an individual displays or uses someone else's driver's license. Any individual can also be convicted of a misdemeanor if they have in their possession any identification which may have fictitious information on it which may lead to fraud. Additional convictions and higher charges will be added if the individual possesses a fake or counterfeit driver's license, if the individual has very made apparent attempts to tamper with or alter a real driver's license or state Id, if the individual is caught manufacturing, advertising, possessing, producing, transferring or providing any document which may be misunderstood as an identification document or card.



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