



The Government on Fake Identification

The U.S. government has expressed concern over the growing business of counterfeit identifications and documents offered on the Internet. The concern addresses not only on the number of companies offering these kind of businesses, they are also alarmed over the quality and seeming authenticity of the fake IDs and documents that can be produced.

It is indeed alarming that one can actually manufacture materials that look so convincing they can make someone pass off as a reporter, a university student, a licensed driver, and even a member of the U.S. Armed Forces! All the materials needed to accomplish these can be acquired from the Internet, and you only have to print them out, perhaps using a special type of paper that can be purchased from the specialty paper and crafts store across the street.

True, government agencies have taken measures to make sure that their official IDs and documents cannot be faked or forged. They do this by adding special features such as bar codes and holograms. But the sad thing is, those companies on the Internet are also up-to-date with the latest technology that are (1) [capable of counterfeiting](#) even these specialized identification.

Indeed, it seems that there is almost nothing that cannot be counterfeited by these crooks. A fake drivers license put side by side next to an authentic can be almost undistinguishable; they have managed to copy the template, the fonts, even the signatures written across the picture and the shadow that is applied to the picture of the owner. The thing is, all of these can be downloaded or ordered from the Internet – and yes, they even sell the holograms, the bar codes and even the state seals! Counterfeiters have indeed attained a very high level of sophistication when it comes to faking IDs and documents.

The product lines offered by these companies are simply astounding in range – they ran the gamut from simple driver's licenses up to the heavy stuff, such as credentials from the Federal Bureau of Investigations and even the Central Intelligence Agency. You can only gasp in horror that these counterfeits can fake documents for the most important government agencies in the country, the CIA, no less!

How exactly do these companies offer their services? Surprisingly, they are not as discreet as you might imagine. There is one company called IdSolution.com, whose online ad states that they are a great source for those who have identification needs. It offers customers a "New Identity Kit," a package that is supposed to make a person assume another identity.

Upon an investigation by a subcommittee from the U.S. government, this so-called Identity Kit contains American and Canadian birth certificates, utility bills and a FedEx employee ID card, among other things, the site actually guarantees in their public advertisement that they guarantee that the documents and identification supplied will have no difference compared to the authentic versions.

Responding to such blatant advertising of their illegal services, the subcommittee tried to contact the company, and quite predictably, IdSolution.com did not answer to the attempts made by the group. After the incident, the company suddenly ceased its operations, and it is believed that the people at the company are in hiding to evade questionings.

These kinds of services make it easier for criminals to do their deeds. They can obtain IDs and documents for a relatively low price, which they can use to maximize their illegal activities. There is practically nothing that crooks cannot order – they can have state driver's license using another name and birth date, but with the picture substituted for their own; they can acquire fake birth certificates which they can use to get official and



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original documents; or they can (2) [simply get a template for fake IDs](#), use them to make copies and sell them to minors who wanted to get into the clubs, even though they are not of legal age.

Having your identity stolen over the Internet is one thing; having someone using false physical documents to get your money or do something illegal is a far more serious matter. It is sad to think that the Internet, which is a boon to communication and commerce, can also do serious harm by stealing one's identity and compromising the character and finances of that person. The creation and sale of false identification is nothing new; it has existed for a very long time, but the Internet has made the practice easier and more advanced. The thing is, people who have no plans to do something illegal like stealing someone's identity can suddenly develop ideas about it – what's stopping them from doing it, knowing that they can really get away with it.

- (1) <http://boxer.senate.gov/services/consumer/idtheft/>
- (2) http://hsgac.senate.gov/051900_coillins.htm