

Fake Driver's Licenses and IDs

Fake IDs are illegal to use, to possess, or to manufacture.

- It is a Class C misdemeanor to possess with the intent to use, circulate, or pass a forged or counterfeit Texas Driver's License or Identification Card. **[Texas Transportation Code Sec. 521.453]**
- It is a felony to manufacture or produce with the intent to sell, distribute or deliver any counterfeit or forged Texas Driver's License or Identification Card.
- Private citizens are not legally authorized to confiscate an ID.

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- It is a Class A misdemeanor to possess with the intent to sell, distribute, or deliver a forged or counterfeit Texas Driver's License or Identification Card. **[Texas Transportation Code Sec 521.456]**
- It is a Class A misdemeanor to possess a fake or altered ID, to lend or let another person use your driver's license or ID, or to use another person's drivers license or ID.
- It is a Class A misdemeanor to possess more than one valid driver's license or ID.
- It is a Class A misdemeanor to provide false information when applying for a drivers license or ID. **[Texas Transportation Code Sec. 521.451]**

How to Watch for Fake IDs

Watch for the following warning signs of fake IDs:

- Fuzzy printing on any numbers or letters or red eye in the photo
- Bumpy surfaces around the picture, birth date, height, or weight
- The words “this is not a valid ID”, “for amusement purposes only” or “Not a Government Document”
- An ID marked as a “duplicate” might indicate that the original license holder requested a second license for someone else

Know How and When to Say “No”

Keys to Saying No

In order to prevent an illegal sale of alcohol, you need to:

- **Be Quick**

You must be timely in order to be effective

- **Be Clear and Firm**

Be polite to your customer, but be clear and firm in your refusal to sell alcohol

- **Be Consistent**

Say “No” in the same way every time

Know How and When to Say “No”

Be Quick

- The best time to say “No” is before any alcoholic beverage is sold or served.
- Quickly place the alcohol out of reach and, if possible, out of sight.

Be Clear and Firm

- Refuse the sale politely but firmly.
- Politely state the reason that you can’t make the sale.
- State the laws about selling to a minor, the attempt to buy alcohol by a minor, and about a minor in possession of alcoholic beverages.
- Let the minor know that you both could get in legal trouble if you made the sale.

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Be Consistent

- Don't go back on your refusal for any reason.
- If the customer begins to argue, simply restate the reason that you can't legally make the sale.
- It is the employee's obligation to notify law enforcement authorities when intervention attempts fail. Ask your manager about policies and procedures for reporting incidents.