

# Detecting Counterfeit Bills

Here are a few quick checks to perform with cash to help verify that you have non-counterfeit bills. Keep in mind that if you feel that there is something fishy or strange about the cash, you can refuse the sale.

**Fraudulent sales will not pay out commissions for you.** Please make sure to do a thorough job checking all credit cards and cash.

## Security Strip

Hold the bill(s) up to a light source. You should see the plastic strip (security thread) running from the top to the bottom of the bill. This strip will say “USA” followed by the denomination of the bill. Each bill will have the strip in a different location but all bills of that denomination will always have the strip in that same location. Please note the location of each bill amount.



## Color Shifting Ink

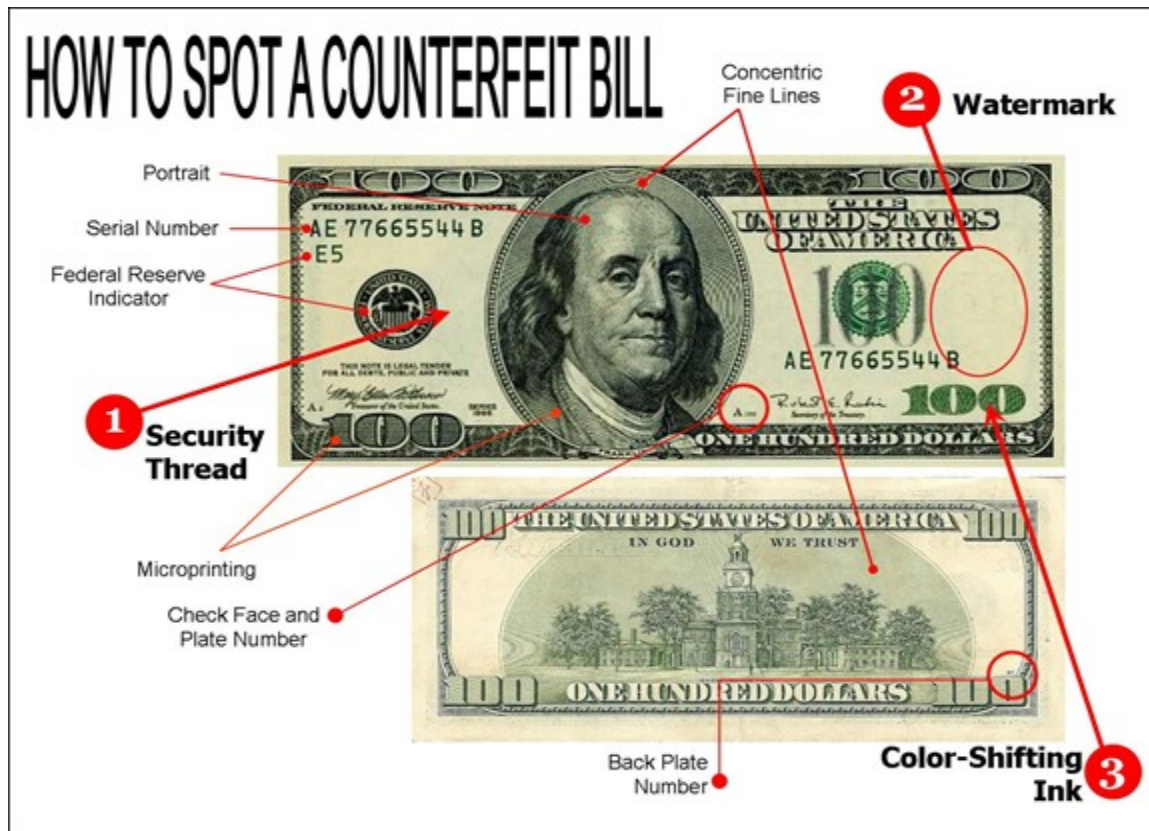
Tilt the bill to see that the ink used to print the dollar amount in the bottom right corner on the front of the bill changes colors. Any bill equal to and greater than \$20 that was printed after 1996 will have this special ink that appears to change colors.

## Watermark Image

Hold the bill(s) up to a light source and check for the second image of the person on the bill. The watermark is embedded in the paper to the right of the portrait and should be visible when viewing the front and back of the bill.



## Additional Checks



For additional security checks, please use the following link or google "spot a counterfeit bill"  
<http://www.wikihow.com/Detect-Counterfeit-US-Money>