IS IT WORTH THE RISK?

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If you have questions about false identification, please contact the Mississippi Alcoholic Beverage Control Bureau of Enforcement Headquarters at 601-856-1320 or contact your local ABC Enforcement office:

Biloxi	228-436-6170
Brookhaven	601-833-4778
Columbus	662-327-7231
Greenwood	662-453-1742
Jackson	601-856-1320
Louisville	662-773-9455
Meridian	601-483-2273
Senatobia	662-562-4489
Tupelo	662-842-4316

FAKE IDENTIFICATION

Don't Borrow Trouble

It may seem fun to have a fake ID until you get caught with it. In Mississippi, severe penalties apply to the possession, manufacture, sale, and use of an altered or fake driver's license or identification card. You could pay a steep fine and/or be sentenced to jail time. It is also illegal to loan your driver's license or identification card to another person.

If you are carrying a fake ID or someone else's identification and are involved in an accident, your medical attention could be delayed. In case of death or serious bodily injury, the police could notify the wrong family because they don't know your true identity.

Play it smart.

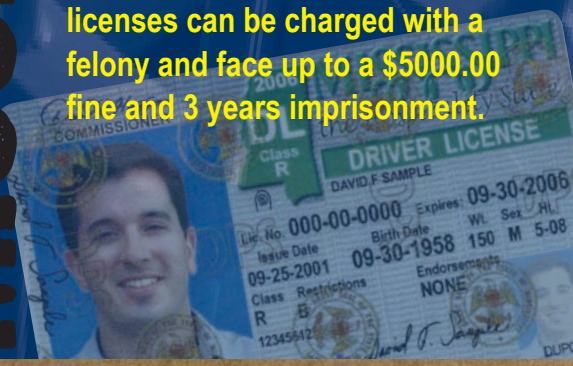
A conviction for possessing, manufacturing, selling, or using fake identification may appear on your permanent criminal record. A police record can limit your options when you are job hunting or impact your admission into college or graduate school.

There is no such thing as a "perfect" fake ID. Law enforcement officers can easily detect false identification. In addition to this, a growing number of businesses that serve alcohol are training their employees on how to spot fakes. If you are using a fake ID to purchase alcohol, chances are you will eventually be caught. Is it worth the risk? Let's face it, growing up is hard enough without borrowing trouble. Play it smart, stay away from fake identification.

MISSISSIPPI LAWS

It is unlawful to:

- have in your possession an altered or fraudulently obtained driver's license;
- to loan your driver's license to another person;
- represent a license not issued to you as being your own;
- duplicate or reproduce a driver's license; and
- possess an unlawful duplication of a driver's license.

1ST OFFENSE: $500.00 fine and/or 6 months in jail
2ND OFFENSE: $5000.00 fine and/or 1 year in jail

A person over 21 who manufactures fake driver's licenses can be charged with a felony and face up to a $5000.00 fine and 3 years imprisonment.