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FAKE ID

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What to Do if You Come Across a Fake ID

If a customer presents you with a fake ID then it's important that you deal with it correctly. If you are not satisfied that the ID is genuine then you should always refuse entry and ask the person to leave the premises. You should then make a note in your refusals/incident book.

Only certain people have legal powers to seize false ID but, if presented with it, you may ask the customer to hand the ID over to you.

It's also within your rights to mention that the police may be called to investigate if they do not hand over the fake ID.

Once in your possession, you should store the ID in a secure place until the police can collect it or a manager can take it to the police station.

The UK government recognise door staff as the frontline of defence against fake ID. Therefore, it is their view that you are not committing a criminal offence by confiscating the ID as you lack the dishonest intent necessary to commit the offence of theft.

This gives door staff the ability to confiscate false ID under common law. If you do confiscate a fake ID, it's a good idea to record any confiscated ID in an incident book.

Offences under the Identity Cards Act 2006
Section 25(1) - creates an offence for a person intending to use a document to establish registrable facts about themselves or to allow or induce another to establish/ ascertain/ verify registrable facts about him or another (s 25(2)), to have in his possession or control:-

- A false identity document, knowing or believing it is false or;
- An improperly obtained identity document knowing or believing it to be so obtained or;
- An identity document belonging to someone else.