

The below forms of identification will show the person's name and date of birth. These can be used in conjunction with secondary forms to confirm identity:

- State issued driver's license
- State issued identification card
- Passport/Passport Card
- US Military ID (unexpired)
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- Birth Certificate (copy or actual)*
- Marriage Certificate (for under 21)**
- School issued ID cards
- Debit cards (contain name only)
- Social Security Card
- Employee ID cards
- Pay Stubs

**Married couples can drink underage as long as one of the subjects is 21 or older & with the minor subject §125.07(1)(a)(1)



For more information on detecting
false I.D.s, alcohol rules and regulations,
and more!



Detecting False Identification

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FALSE IDENTIFICATION

Wisconsin State Statute §125.085 explains what an “official identification card” is and describes the penalties for violations.

- “Nothing in this subsection requires a licensee or permittee to accept any form of identification that does not appear to be valid or authentic or appears altered.”

HOW TO ID FALSE ID:

Generally speaking underage persons can go online and procure a false identification card from any state, even U.S. Territories!

If an underage person displays an out of state identification card, this should be questioned. Not all bars are familiar with out-of-state identification cards, so here are some tips:

- Ask for a second form of identification, preferably with a photo such as a passport, or ask for a birth certificate
- Ask questions to determine the legitimacy of their information, such as “What county is your city in?” or “What high school did you attend/What was your mascot?” Look for deceptive behavior; their eyes may look away and there could be a delay in their response indicating they are thinking of an answer.

LAWS:

125.12 Revocations, Suspensions, Refusals to Issue or Renew:

(2) *Complaint* Any resident of a municipality issuing licenses under this chapter may file a sworn written complaint with the clerk of the municipality alleging one or more of the following about a person holding a license issued under this chapter by the municipality:

- The person violated this chapter
- The person keeps or maintains is disorderly house
- The person serves to habitual drunkards
- The person does not hold the qualifications to hold the license per this chapter

(3) *Refusals by Local Authorities to Renew Licenses* If a municipal governing body or duly authorized committee of a city council decides not to issue a new license under this chapter, it shall notify the applicant for the new license of the decision not to issue the license

(4) *Suspension or Revocation of License on Complaint of the Division* This section replicates section (2) above, but if the complaint is directed to the State Division of Alcohol and Beverage.

125.039 *Civil Liability for Retaining Proofs of Age (keeping fake ID's):*

“No person who holds a license or permits an employee of such a person is civilly liable for retaining a document presented as proof of age for a reasonable length of time in a good faith effort to determine whether the person who presented the document is an underage person or to notify a law enforcement authority of a suspected violation of 125.085(3)(a) or (3)(b)”

WHAT TO LOOK FOR FOR IN WISCONSIN:

The current Wisconsin Driver Licenses went into circulation June 5, 2023. This new design was meant to make them more resistant to fraud. Here are some tips for the new licenses to help you determine their authenticity:

- The date! If the card is the new design and it was issued before June 5, 2023, the card will be false.
- On the back, a clear ribbon flowing off the edge of the backside of the card should be present, with integrated cardholder data.
- Hologram on front will be clear and legible, not blurry or out of focus
- The hologram from the front of the card should not shine through when UV light (365 nm wavelength) is pointed at the back.
- Any peeling, fading, missing digits (numbers/letters/characters) on the license itself could indicate a false ID.

It's always good practice to verify a person's date of birth through a secondary supporting document.