

# Licensee's Fake ID Guide (California)



## Guide to Detecting a Fake California ID



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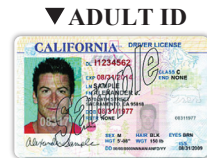
- The Store Associate should investigate their own valid ID and familiarize themselves with the feel and colors. A fake ID may duplicate various security features but the colors and feel may be slightly irregular compared to a valid ID.
- Fake IDs may copy one or many security features.
- Always scan the ID, but remember even Fake IDs may scan.

- Minor IDs are oriented vertically.



◀ MINOR ID

- Adult IDs are oriented horizontally.



▼ ADULT ID

- When in doubt ASK QUESTIONS.
- Feel the ID. Try putting your fingernail on the inside corner of the card. California ID's are made with three layers and should not separate. Separation is likely a sign the ID is fake.
- Always remember to really look at the person and ask yourself do they really look 21 or older? Use your best judgement. Ask yourself: Does the person seem to be nervous? Are they avoiding eye contact?

# Step 1

## Look at the Person Presenting the ID

- Check to ensure the person presenting the ID is the actual person pictured on the ID.
- The following is a list of facial features to check for:
  - **Hairline and forehead**
  - **Eyes (size, color, shape, etc.)**
  - **Nose shape**
  - **Mouth shape**
  - **Weight and Height**



# Step 2

## Feel the ID

- Feel the ID for lumps or bumps (these could indicate something was pasted and laminated onto the ID).
- The signature under the ID photo should have raised printing (see arrow to the right pointing to raised signature).
- Date of birth (DOB) should have raised printing on 2 areas of the front of the ID and 1 area on the back of the ID (see arrows to the right pointing to the raised DOB locations on both the front and back of the ID).



## Step 3

# Look for Perforated California Bear

- Raise ID to the light and look for the perforated California Bear (arrow pointing to California Bear on ID to the left).
- This can be check on either the front or the back of the ID.

Perforated California Bear Graphic (Front)



Perforated California Bear Graphic (Back)



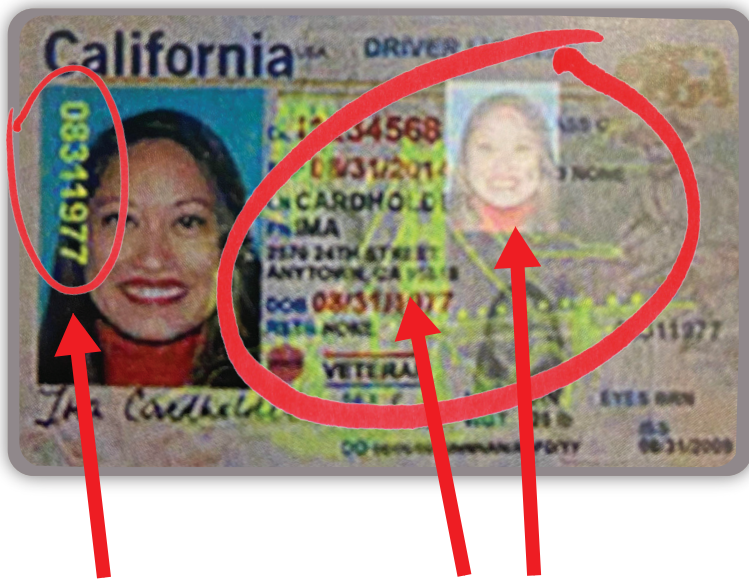


# Step 4

## Use UV Flashlight to Detect UV Images

Use of UV flashlight detects the following UV images:  
**Golden Gate Bridge, Date of Birth, Coit Tower, Sailboats, and Full Color UV ID Image.**

**Note:** Older, valid IDs may not have the same UV images as the 2020 CA ID.



**Date of Birth**

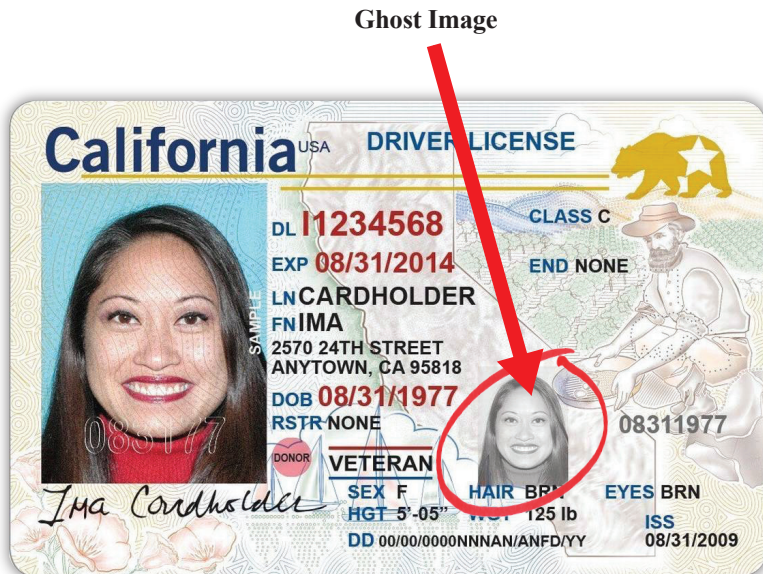
**UV Images of Golden Gate Bridge, Coit Tower, Sailboats, and full color Ghost Image**

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## Step 4 (continued)

**No use of UV flashlight** on ID. On a valid ID the Ghost Image should be ghost like and contain horizontal lines.

On fake IDs the ghost image is often too clear and not ghost like. (Try checking your own ghost image to familiarize yourself with it).





## Step 5

# Look for Microprint of “CALIFORNIA”

Microprint is located at the top of the ID (indicated by the arrow in the ID to the right) and can only be detected with a magnifying glass.

**The microprint should read “CALIFORNIA”.**





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