



## False ID's and What to Look For

- A MICHIGAN DRIVER'S LICENSE IS YOUR BEST FORM OF ID
- The best way to check a new style Michigan Drivers License is with a black light. Under a black light the Michigan State Seal will appear across the front of the license in multiple colors. This seal is invisible to the naked eye under any other light source and is very prominent under a black light.
- Whenever possible, have the customer hand you their license so you can hold it in your hands. NO IDENTIFICATION....NO SALE!
- No expired ID is acceptable.
- Fraudulent ID's often have no writing on the back. With an out-of-state license, keep in mind that if there is no writing on the back there is a good chance it is a fake. You can request a copy of the 2008 United States and Canada Driver's License Guide by calling Allegan County Community Mental Health at 269-673-6617 ext# 2714.
- Look to see if the lamination is peeled, rough or torn. It could be altered.
- Look for blurred, smudged, or different lettering. A way to detect a fake Michigan License is by close examination of the letter "T" in the word HEIGHT which should not have a tail on the bottom (compare to the "T" in the words Date, Birth or Endorsements).
- The "Thumbnail Test" involves running your thumbnail along the edge to see if it separates. If the license is real, it will feel like a credit card and not separate.
- Additionally, the newer form of the Michigan Drivers License issues a vertical license to all drivers under 21. The license also prominently states in red:

Under 18 Until (Date)

Under 21 Until (Date)

- If you have doubts, DO NOT SELL!