



SPOTTING A FAKE ID

Red Flags in Fake ID's:

A fake Michigan ID often feels wrong before it looks wrong. What a real card should generally feel like:

- solid and professionally made
- smooth but not cheap/plasticky
- consistent edge finish
- no peeling laminate feel
- feels thin or flimsy
- feels like a laminated print
- soft or sticky surface
- rough or uneven edges
- one area feels different (especially around photo or DOB)
- This step sounds simple, but it's one of the best filters for bad cards.
- Use Bright White Light and Tilt the Card

Michigan Driver's License:

The state seal is visible in the center of the front of the ID. The back of the ID features the holder's birth date and ghost image that is visible under a UV light. The current Enhanced license features the state seal repeating on the front of the ID which is visible under a UV light.



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Michigan says the Great Lakes names can be seen in multicolored text at certain angles, and the info sheet also references an optically variable image of THE GREAT LAKES. On a fake, this effect is often:

- missing
- flat/printed
- blurry
- inconsistent angle-to-angle
- Photo and DOB zone shine

Use angled light to look for:

- bubbles
- patchy reflection
- cut lines
- cloudy spots
- uneven gloss
- Counterfeiters and altered cards often fail around the photo and date-of-birth area because those are the most commonly changed parts.
- Fine print and linework

Michigan specifically notes that shading and curved lines are difficult to replicate.

Under good light, fake cards often show:

- thick or muddy lines
- broken curves
- fuzzy print
- inconsistent resolution across the card

For more resources, check out the link below:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1quZVAHmmABDoNDdcnhyxZKPAQzvdGQBo?usp=drive_link