

## **THIS PERSON IS WEARING A FACE COVERING, WHAT SHOULD I DO? JUST P.A.U.S.E.!**

**P**—Does the **Photograph** on the ID match the person presenting the identification?

- Get the ID in your hand! Is it one of the four types of acceptable identifications?
  - Driver's license from ANY state
  - NC Special Identification (only NC, no other state ID)
  - Military identification
  - Passport
- If they wearing a face covering, ask them to take two steps back and unmask. If they refuse, YOU refuse the sale!
- NC General Statute 18B-305 protects YOU, when you refuse to sell

**A**—Compute the **Age** of the purchaser from the date of birth listed on the identification

- Ask questions for verification like:
  - How old are you? Did they answer correctly?
  - When is your birthday? Did they take a long time to answer?
- If the answers to your questions were wrong, you may want to keep looking, that ID may be fake

**U**—Is the individual **Underage**?

- Double check to make sure the date of birth makes them 21. This sounds simple enough, but can be a costly mistake!
- Is this person using a fake identification? Ask questions which appear on the identification like:
  - What's your address? Everyone knows their home address.
  - Can you spell your last name? If the last name is unique or long.
  - What's the driver's license number? If a NC driver's license number begins with anything besides a string of several zeros, "0000" the ID is fake

**S**—Check the hologram and **Seals** on the driver's license for appearance

- Hold a NC driver's license up to a light, what do you see? You should see the outline of the State of NC, if not, you might have a fake ID.

**E**—**Examine** the identification

- The date of birth on a NC driver's license is textile print, or raised, and you should feel this with your finger.
- Is the ID from out of state? Lots of fake IDs, especially ones presented by youthful-looking persons, may be fake if it's from another state. It's a known trend.
- Are there any irregularities? If so you probably have a fake ID:
  - Creases in the lamination (fake IDs crease down the middle if folded even slightly.)
  - Sticky glue feel
  - Funny colors in the font, pictures not straight or are stretched to fit

It is a well-known and documented fact that underage people are using sophisticated illegally manufactured identifications and face coverings to defraud and trick YOU. Be smart and just **P.A.U.S.E.!**

### **NOW WHAT?**

If you have a strong feeling the identification presented to you is fake, NC General Statute 18B-129(b) allows you to take the identification for a reasonable time in good faith to determine if the individual is old enough to purchase alcoholic beverages. You should call your local law enforcement non-emergency telephone number and ask for an officer or deputy. They can help determine if the identification is fraudulent and take legal action if necessary. Remember, the law is on your side!

We want to be your partner and provide free training on how to detect fraudulent identifications and other techniques to responsibly sell and serve alcoholic beverages. Contact ALE Headquarters at (919) 733-4060. You will be directed to your local ALE District Office for scheduling. We will come to YOU.

If you see a violation you want to anonymously report, contact us at: (877) ALE-AGENT.