

Proof of age

My 17 year old was caught using false identification to get into a nightclub.

Young people may be asked to prove their age when buying alcohol or tobacco products, or entering licensed venues.

Documents that are accepted in NSW to prove a person's age are a current driver's or rider's licence or permit, a current passport, a NSW Photo Card issued by the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority, or a proof of age card issued by the Commonwealth or an interstate authority.

The document must be current and include a photo of the person and date of birth to prove they are over 18. The penalty for using, altering, possessing or lending false identification is a \$220 on-the-spot fine or a maximum court imposed penalty of \$2,200. Using fake ID may also result in having a provisional licence extended for an extra six months.

Useful telephone numbers

- Alcohol and Drug Information Service (ADIS) Tel: (02) 9361 8000 Toll free: 1800 422 599
- The Drug and Alcohol Multicultural Education Centre (DAMEC) Tel: (02) 9699 3552
- Family Drug Support Tel: (02) 9818 6166 Toll free: 1300 368 186
- Emergency Tel: 000
- Poisons Information Centre Tel: 13 11 26
- LawAccess NSW Tel: 1300 888 529
- For information in languages other than English contact:
Translating and Interpreting Service Tel: 13 14 50
- NSW Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing Tel: (02) 9995 0300

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