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### **OIU to Liquor Permit Holders: Be on the Lookout for Fake IDs**

Agents with the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Ohio Investigative Unit are reminding bar, restaurant and carryout employees to be on the lookout for fake IDs.

Staff should be checking IDs to verify individuals are at least 21 or older. They should also ensure that the identification provided is not fictitious. If staff feels the identification is fictitious, do not sell the individual alcohol and contact local law enforcement.

When alcohol is kept out of the hands of people under 21, you are keeping young adults from binge drinking, driving under the influence, situations that may involve other types of criminal activity, and even being sexually assaulted.

Liquor permit holders who would like more information on identifying fake IDs, should contact OIU to schedule an Alcohol Server Knowledge (ASK) course. For more information on the ASK program, log onto <http://www.investigativeunit.ohio.gov/ask.stm>.