While these state statutes relating to the possession, creation, duplication, and alteration of official identification cards, there is also University sanctions for providing false information and possessing false identification.

UW System Administrative Code 18.10(7) (a) RESISTING OR OBSTRUCTING POLICE OFFICERS states that “no person may knowingly resist or obstruct a university police officer while that officer is doing any act in an official capacity and with lawful authority.”

“Obstructing” includes without limitation knowingly giving false information…with the intent to mislead a university police officer in the performance of his or her duty. If a University Police Officer asks for your identification and you provide false information, this is a violation of UWS 18.10(7).

Using the 2017 Uniform Deposit Schedule, a citation issued for a UWS 18.10(7) violation has a MINIMUM deposit amount of $452.50. There could also be an additional citation issued for $515.50 for possessing a false identification card.

The University Police Department shares police reports with the Student Affairs Office. It is possible that there may be additional consequences under UWS Ch. 17 Non-Academic Disciplinary Procedures.

Other important telephone numbers

Grant County Sheriff
608-723-2157

Grant County District Attorney
608-723-4237

Platteville Police Dept.
608-348-2313

Southwest Health Center
608-348-2331

Student Health Services
608-342-1891

Family Advocates Crisis Line
608-348-3838

Unified Counseling Crisis Line
1-800-362-5717

University Counseling Services
608-342-1865

Spring 2017
Each year, a number of young people are arrested for identification card violations, usually when using the identification to purchase alcohol or enter bars, taverns, etc. Often times, younger siblings will use an older brother or sister’s ID card or driver’s license as their own. There are those who alter their own identification, changing numbers to make them appear older. Another group will use the ID of an older friend, who has a similar appearance. Finally, there are the ones who spend money to buy a fake identification card.

While it may seem worthwhile to go these lengths, what happens once caught may make you think differently.

Currently, there are several Wisconsin laws dealing with identification card violations. This pamphlet will identify those laws and the consequences for violating them.

First, it might be helpful to define what is considered an official identification card under Wisconsin Law.

Wisconsin statute 343.17(3) lists the information required for an official operator’s license or identification card. Official identification cards must include a full face photo, full name, date of birth, address, physical description, unique identification number, and signature. If the official identification is an operator’s license, it will also include the classes of vehicles the person may operate.

In addition, Wisconsin statute 343.50 states that an identification card shall be the same size as an operator’s license, but shall be of a design which is readily distinguishable from the design of an operator’s license and bear upon it the words “IDENTIFICATION CARD ONLY”.

§125.085 Proof of age. …(3) PENALTIES FOR FALSIFICATION OF PROOF OF AGE. (a) 1. No person may make, alter or duplicate an official identification card, provide an official identification card to an underage person or knowingly provide other documentation to an underage person purporting to show that the underage person has attained the legal drinking age. No person may possess an official identification card or other documentation used for proof of age with the intent of providing it to an underage person… It is illegal for someone to give a person known to be under the age of 21 any form of identification which shows that person is 21 or older.

(b) Any underage person who does any of the following is guilty of a violation:
1. Intentionally carries an official identification card not legally issued to him or her, an official identification card obtained under false pretenses or an official identification card which has been altered or duplicated to convey false information.: It is illegal to even possess someone else’s ID/DL, to possess an ID/DL issued to the right person with wrong information, or to possess an ID/DL which has been altered in any way.

2. Makes, alters or duplicates an official identification card purporting to show that he or she has attained the legal drinking age: It’s illegal to make a false/fake ID/DL

3. Presents false information to an issuing officer in applying for an official identification card.: You can’t lie about your birth date, name, etc. to the DMV person issuing your ID/ driver’s license

4. Intentionally carries an official identification card or other documentation showing that the person has attained the legal drinking age, with knowledge that the official identification card or documentation is false: It’s illegal to carry an ID/DL which shows you are 21 or older, when you know you are not.

If you decide to carry a false identification card, you should be aware of the possible consequences that may occur under Wisconsin Law if you are caught.

According to the 2017 Wisconsin Uniform Deposit Schedule, the MINIMUM amount for an identification card violation citation issued to someone between the ages of 17-20 is $515.50.

Depending on the circumstances and the sentencing judge, there can also be a suspension of operator’s privileges.

Grant County Fresh Start Program is NOT available for identification card violations.