

Subject: Photocopying of Military Identification Cards

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SECURITY BULLETIN

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Recent incidents regarding the photocopying of military identification cards and common access cards (CAC), by commercial establishments for verification have been reported. As such, personnel should be reminded that the photocopying of US Government Identification is a violation of Title 18, US Code Part I, Chapter 33, Section 701 and punishable by both fine and/or imprisonment. Many military members, family members and DOD employees are unaware of this law. Please pass this information on to every level of our organization.

FPO COMMENTS:

Criminal elements and terrorist organizations place U.S. government identifications as a high value logistical element when planning acts against the U.S. military. Although commercial establishments are not prohibited from asking for military/government identification, many government personnel and commercial establishments are unaware of the prohibition on duplication of government identification. Unfortunately, there are no safeguards in place to ensure a government identification card won't be counterfeited or "cloned" based on a photocopy by a commercial establishment. It is recommended that military/DOD personnel provide a state drivers license or other form of photo identification to be photocopied if an establishment insists on a photocopy of the traveler's identification.

*NOTE: This does not apply to medical establishments (i.e. doctor's office, hospitals, etc...) who are allowed take a copy for the purpose of filing insurance claims; and other government agencies in the performance of official government business.
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