

ELECTRONIC AGE VERIFICATION DEVICES

A recent change in §60-4,111.01 changed the way Electronic Age Verification devices may be used.

These devices come in many types and styles, modern forms of identification have security features that are machine readable, some common features are:

Magnetic Stripes
Two and Three Dimensional Bar Codes
Integrated Circuit Chips
Digital Watermarks

There are numerous age verification devices on the market that can read all or some of these features. The State of Nebraska cannot recommend a particular brand or style of device. An internet search may be used to locate some of the vendors for available devices in the marketplace.

The Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles did a field study of devices to read digital watermarks that are used in Nebraska Operators Licenses and Identification Cards. For more information assess the Digimark website at “<http://digimarc.com/govt/inspector.asp>”

If you purchase any kind of these devices, please remember that machines can not replace common sense or use good judgment. While the use of these devices can be an excellent tool for age verification, they should not be the only method relied upon for age verification. For instance they machine cannot verify that the person presenting you the card is the actual card holder, be wary of imposters using someone else’s ID.

§60-4,111.01 requires that a sign be posted when ID scanning is done on the premises. The only information that may be kept is the Identification Number and age indicated on the Identification. **YOU MAY NOT** store names, dates of birth, addresses or physical descriptions.

Before purchasing any kind of age verification device ensure that it can be modified to only collect the information allowed by law.

WARNING

- **DO NOT KEEP OR STORE ANY INFORMATION COLLECTED FROM ANY IDENTIFICATION OTHER THAN THE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OR THE AGE INDICATED ON THE IDENTIFICATION WITH A ELECTRONIC IDENTIFICATION CHECKING DEVICE - TO DO SO IS A CLASS IV FELONY IN NEBRASKA §60-4,111.01**

Here is a link to the complete version of §60-4,111.01;

<http://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/statutes.php?statute=60-4,111.01>