

Secure Driver's Licenses

From the Homeland Security Website

“Preventing terrorists from obtaining state-issued identification documents is critical to securing America against terrorism. As the 9/11 Commission noted, “For terrorists, travel documents are as important as weapons.” *The 9/11 Commission Report: Final Report of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks upon the United States*, at 384 (2004).

Secure driver's licenses and identification documents are a vital component of a holistic national security strategy. Law enforcement must be able to rely on government-issued identification documents and know that the bearer of such a document is who he or she claims to be. REAL ID is a coordinated effort by the states and the Federal Government to improve the reliability and accuracy of state-issued identification documents, which should inhibit terrorists' ability to evade detection by using fraudulent identification.

The 9/11 Commission recommended that the Federal Government work with other layers of government to solidify the security of government-issued documents. Securing state-issued identification documents is a common-sense national security and law enforcement imperative, which also helps to combat identity fraud and ----- illegal immigration.”

For more information on requirements for state driver's licenses, accessing federal installations and to check your state's Secure Driver's License Status go to the following link: <https://www.dhs.gov/secure-drivers-licenses>

Note: If you are from a non-compliant state and plan on attending 2017 USAFA Graduation you can still get on the installation with your valid driver's license and your birth certificate.

Suggest obtaining a United States Passport to ensure access to the Air Force Academy and other federal installations.

USAFA Public Affairs Article 15 Aug 16:
<http://www.af.mil/News/ArticleDisplay/tabid/223/Article/905207/some-ids-may-be-invalid-starting-aug-15.aspx>