

California driver's licenses receive major overhaul

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State officials have unveiled a dramatic new design for California driver's license cards, using technological advances they say put the state years ahead of counterfeiters.

The cards – issued beginning this month to new and renewing drivers – will be among the most secure in the world, said Matt Paulin, a chief deputy director with the state Department of Motor Vehicles.

Notably, driver's licenses and identification cards will be printed vertically for anyone under age 21, making it easier for police, restaurants, bars, and nightclubs to see at a glance.

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