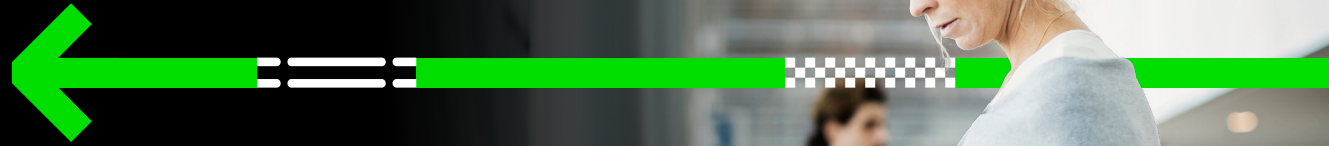# Getting Real with the REAL ID

What is REAL ID?

REAL ID is a federal law that sets minimum security standards for the issuance and production of state ID cards and driver's licenses. Additionally, REAL ID prohibits federal agencies from accepting any photo IDs that do not meet those standards.

Created in response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks, REAL ID's primary goal is to prevent fraudulently obtained valid IDs.

REAL ID

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What's the difference?

	Standard ID	REAL ID	Passport
U.S. air travel		✓	✓
International air travel			✓
Driving	✓	✓	
Age-restricted purchases	✓	✓	✓
Voting	✓	✓	✓
Accessing certain federal facilities		✓	✓

How do you know if you have a REAL ID? *Just look for the star!* ⟶ ★ ★ ★ ★ 🐻