



IDs:
Why they're useful, who they're for, and how to get one.



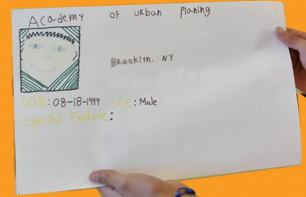
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WHAT TYPES OF IDS ARE THERE?



PASSPORT
Where to get it: Your country's consulate



STUDENT ID
Where to get it: School

BIRTH CERTIFICATE
Where to get it: The city government where you were born

DRIVER'S LICENCE
Where to get it: Your state's Department of Motor Vehicles



AN ID MAKES IT EASIER TO...



Apply for a job



**Receive some public benefits
like health insurance**



Open a bank account



Apply for some colleges



Travel on an airplane



Get a gym membership



Prove your identity to the authorities



Enter some government buildings

HOW TO GET AN ID IF YOU DON'T DRIVE

If you're a US citizen and New York State resident over 16 years old, you can get a Non-Driver photo ID. It's like a driver's license but you don't have to take a driving test. Here's how to get one:

Prepare your documents: You will need to bring your original birth certificate and social security card, and other documents that show who you are to the Department of Motor Vehicles. Each document is worth between 0 and 6 points and you'll need documents that add up to at least 4 points. You have many options - find out what else you can bring and their point values at dmv.ny.gov

Go to the Department of Motor Vehicles and fill out a form called a MV-44.1.

Pay for your ID: The non-driver State ID costs \$9 to \$10 for a 4 to 5 year ID and \$13 to \$14 for an 8 to 9 year ID. You can pay with cash, check or credit card.

Go to the counter: A DMV employee will look at your documents, form, payment, and take your photo.



Don't worry if you have trouble. There are lots of ways to get more information.

- Visit nyc.gov/html/id
- Call 311





BUT WAIT!!
What should I do
when someone asks
me for my ID?

We interviewed Sebastián Sanchez, a lawyer from *Make the Road New York*, and he gave us some advice.



Don't show an ID that is from another country. It might be used against you.

You don't have to discuss your immigration or citizenship status with police or any other officials.

Use your right to remain silent. If you are stopped by a police officer, you can leave any time by asking "Am I free to go?"

Do not lie or share false documents.

The information in this booklet is not to be considered legal advice.

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