



BUSINESS SECURITY

COUNTERFEIT BANKNOTES

Fraud against businesses can occur in a variety of ways, including through credit cards or counterfeit banknotes. The following is a guide to assist businesses in identifying a genuine Australian banknote and minimising the risk to your business in receiving counterfeit money.

Look - Genuine banknotes:

- Have a clear window on the first polymer series and clear top-to-bottom window on the new polymer series.
- Have a window with printed images - these move and change colour on the new series.
- Have fine line patterns on each side and are multi-coloured.
- Show the Australian Coat of Arms on the first series or a rolling colour effect on the new series.
- Have features on both series of polymer notes that fluoresce under UV light.

Feel - Genuine banknotes:

- Are printed on polymer (plastic) and have a distinctive feel.
- Have slightly raised printing (dark ink) called intaglio that is used for the main design such as the portraits.

Tear - Genuine banknotes:

- Are difficult to tear.

The majority of counterfeit notes are printed on paper and can be easily torn.

What to do if you suspect that you have received a counterfeit note:

- Advise the person that you believe the note may not be genuine and that police will be notified.
- Notify the police immediately on 131 444.
- Handle the banknote as little as possible, place it in an envelope or other protective covering (avoid using plastic as the banknote may sweat in warm conditions).
- Note the person's description and details if they leave the premises prior to police arrival.

For further business crime prevention information please visit www.police.sa.gov.au or contact your local police station.

