

CASCADE COUNTY BAD CHECK POLICY

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The following information should be read carefully and shared with each employee in your business. This information is provided in an effort to try to reduce the rising number of bad checks in Cascade County. Prevention is your best protection.

PREVENTION/PROTECTION

1. Obtain accurate information
 - a. Full name, address (remember no one lives in a P. O. Box) and phone number;
 - b. Driver's license number and birth date;
 - c. **SEE** a valid driver's license, preferably a Montana one;
 - d. Witness the signing of the check and initial it.

(NOTE: All these are necessary to not only obtain payment but also to issue a warrant of arrest and to allow us to possibly subpoena the person who took the check as a witness in a subsequent trial).

2. NEVER ACCEPT:

- a. Post-dated checks
- b. Out-of-state checks
- c. Two-party checks
- d. Counter checks
- e. Checks having no number
- f. Checks not signed in your presence
- g. Checks in excess of the amount of purchase, unless within your organization's set limit
- h. Checks to be held until later
- i. Checks in restitution for bad checks

PROSECUTION

When a check is returned for NSF: