



## **A Lurking Threat: The Danger of Generic Transcript Papers**

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**Why are generic transcript papers a security threat to registrars?** Generic papers are a serious security threat because they are readily available over the Internet and they are inexpensive. Stop and think about that for a minute: If you, and anyone else, can buy security paper, HOW SECURE CAN IT BE? Generic papers can be purchased by the ream or the sheet for a few dollars. Reference the following sources:

[www.legalstore.com/cat/Security+Paper.html](http://www.legalstore.com/cat/Security+Paper.html)

[www.coastalbusiness.com/index.asp?PageAction=VIEWPROD&ProdID=678](http://www.coastalbusiness.com/index.asp?PageAction=VIEWPROD&ProdID=678)

[www.originaldocumentpaper.com/](http://www.originaldocumentpaper.com/)

When used by a competent fraudster, the end product will look like the real thing to an unsuspecting user because it includes a latent image that indicates "COPY-COPY-COPY" when photocopied.

Unfortunately, non-academic transcript recipients are at greater risk than academic professional who are able to compare and sort out originals from fakes. To assist non-academics to combat the danger of inadvertently accepting a bogus transcript, educational institutions should clearly describe the security features that are incorporated into their transcripts and how to verify those security features.

### **Does your current transcript look generic?**

What is it about your current transcript that separates it from a generic look-alike? If you have only a few security features, your transcript is vulnerable to high tech cut-and-paste fraudsters. Computers, color jet printers and generic transcript papers are tools that make a fraudsters dream come true.

#### **Put yourself in the shoes of a fraudster and imagine the difficulty of:**

- scanning the authorizing signature of the registrar
- reformatting the institutional transcript
- re-entering and "improving" poor grades
- re-calculating the GPA (many fail to do this correctly)
- printing a bogus record on generic transcript paper
- creating a fraudulent look-alike institutional envelope
- mailing a fake transcript from the campus or an office where outbound mail is easily accessible

SCRIP-SAFE® offers a suite of security features called Global Document Protection™ to significantly reduce the risk of document fraud and improve the ease of transcript verification.

Your SCRIP-SAFE® sales representative understands the nuances of document security and can assist you in protecting your institution against fraud and public embarrassment. To gain a better understanding of your risks and the steps to reduce them, contact us today. Our customers say that we have the most knowledgeable and friendly sales and customer service teams they have ever worked with.

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