

Where is the ID Bank located?
The ID Bank is located in Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic's Thunder Bay office.

Do I need to be a client of the clinic to join the ID Bank?
Yes. We have limited capacity and this service is targeted to assist clients who face barriers to storing their ID.

What happens if I need my ID?
Simply come down to the office during hours of operation and sign out your ID. You can return it for storage when you are finished.

What are the safety and security measures of the ID Bank?
All ID is stored in a locked, fireproof filing cabinet. All electronic records are firewall and password protected. Only trained and designated staff have access to the filing cabinet and electronic records. The office is also equipped with an alarm security system.

What happens if I no longer wish to participate?
Clients can terminate their participation with the ID bank at any time. All of your stored ID will be returned at your request.

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Awenen Niin ID Bank

Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic has been assisting low-income individuals in the Thunder Bay District since 1978.

ID is crucial in accessing health care, income support, food banks, housing, and other vital services. Lack of access to these services is extremely detrimental to those who desperately need and rely on them – primarily Indigenous people and people living in poverty.

The *Awenen Niin* ID Bank program was developed to help address this need for identification. In Ojibwe, *Awenen Niin* means 'Who Am I?'. The ID Bank provides a safe, secure and accessible storage facility for ID documents.

By providing safe and secure access to ID, Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic is helping to ensure our clients have access to important and necessary resources and services.

SERVICES THAT REQUIRE ID

- **Income Support**
  - Ontario Works
  - Ontario Disability Support Program
- **Housing**
  - Social housing
  - Private landlords
- **Status Card**
  - NIHB (medical benefits)
  - Tax exemptions
  - Native Housing
- **Health Care**
- **Education**
- **Employment**
- **Banking**
- **Finances/Income Tax Returns**
- **Food Banks**
- **Voting**

These are just some of the services that require ID.

BENEFITS OF THE ID BANK

- Secure storage prevents loss of ID
- Access to ID anytime the clinic is open (most weekdays from 8:30 am – 12 noon & 1 - 4:30 pm)
- People without fixed addresses have a safe place to keep their ID
- Safe and reliable access to ID increases the services you can access and utilize
- Cost is free
- Access to commissioned copies of the original document

Do not wait until it is too late to start thinking about protecting your ID.

Join the ID Bank today.