

Advice For Public

**Stained notes like these
are probably stolen!**



Banknotewatch.ie is a crime prevention initiative supported by An Garda Síochána, The Irish Banking Federation and its members, Cash-in-Transit Partners, An Post and the Credit Unions which promotes the fact that a dye-stained banknote is probably a stolen banknote. Such dye-stained euro banknotes are the proceeds of crime. The money is usually stained red, bluish purple or green making it difficult for the criminal to use the (stolen) euro banknotes stained with security dye.

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How will I recognise a dye-stained euro banknote? What to look for?

Dye-stained euro banknotes will have visible coloured dye stains on the note. The stains are usually red, bluish purple or green in colour.

What can I do if I am presented with a dye-stained euro banknote?

Members of the public are advised not to accept, possess or circulate any dye-stained euro banknotes.

A dye-stained euro banknote will be treated as a damaged or mutilated euro banknote by the Central Bank of Ireland. Upon the satisfactory completion of the verification/authentication process with the Central Bank you can reasonably expect the value of the banknote to be credited to your bank or credit union account. Visit Banknotewatch.ie to access the mutilated note form MN1.

What shall I do if I am in possession or inadvertently find myself in possession of ink stained banknote?

Retail banks or credit unions will only accept such dye-stained euro banknotes from members of the public who present such notes subject to the following:-

- You are advised to take the dye-stained euro banknote(s) to your bank or credit union where it may be accepted as a deposit to your bank or credit union account. Dye-stained euro banknotes cannot be immediately exchanged for clean banknotes.
- You are likely to be requested to complete the Central Bank of Ireland Mutilated Legal Tender Note form (MN1) which will document the details about the note. This form will be used to return the banknote to the Central Bank of Ireland.
- If you are a member of the public and do not possess a bank or credit union account, you can bring the dye-stained euro banknote to the Teller Section, Central Bank of Ireland, Dame Street, Dublin 2.

Other useful websites are:
www.garda.ie and www.centralbank.ie