

Advice For Retailers

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.

www.banknotewatch.ie

Banknotewatch.ie is a crime prevention initiative involving:



'A stained note is probably a stolen note'

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

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

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

If retailers are presented with or discover dye-stained euro banknotes, you should refuse to accept them. Advise customers or members that the dye-stained euro banknote(s) should be taken to their bank branch or credit union or that alternatively they should visit the Central Bank of Ireland website (www.centralbank.ie) to access the mutilated note form MN1.

I am a retailer: What do I do if I inadvertently find myself in possession of a stained euro banknote?

Retailers are advised not to accept, possess or circulate any dye-stained euro banknotes. By refusing to accept, handle or exchange banknotes with dye staining on it, retailers will be playing a part in fighting crime. A dye-stained euro banknote will be treated as a damaged/mutilated euro banknote by the Central Bank of Ireland. Upon the satisfactory completion of the verification/authentication process you can reasonably expect the value of the banknote to be credited to your bank account or credit union account. Retailers can visit the Central Bank of Ireland website (www.centralbank.ie) to access the mutilated note form MN1.

Any information you have regarding dye-stained euro banknotes must be immediately reported to your local Garda station. You can also visit Banknotewatch.ie website and report the matter by completing an on-line form/comment box. Other useful websites are: www.garda.ie and www.centralbank.ie