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2019 FACTS AND STATS

Compliance Grade:
A

A Six-Month Summary
Jan - June

According to Idaho Code 39-5701, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare must inspect each business that sells tobacco to ensure that it does not sell tobacco to minors.

How well did Idaho Tobacco Retailers comply with the law?

- 857 Tobacco Retailers were inspected.*
- 59 Tobacco Retailers sold to the inspecting minor.
- The compliance rate for the last six months was 93.12%

WELL DONE!

*Non-minor Exempt Inspections where purchase attempts were made.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Most of the Idaho Tobacco Retailers faithfully comply with the law and refuse the sale of tobacco to customers under 18. But, are you really making a difference? As an Idaho Tobacco Retailer, does your continued vigilance to check customer IDs, know and comply with the law, have trained clerks able and committed to saying, "No!" to every minor that attempts to purchase tobacco really matter?

YES, IT ABSOLUTELY MATTERS!

Statistics, provided by Project Filter (<https://projectfilter.org/why-quit>) show that tobacco use is not only bad for the health of our state's citizens, it's also bad for our economy. In Idaho:

- Smoking kills more people than alcohol, car crashes, illegal drugs, murders, and suicides combined.
- More than 1,800 Idahoans die from smoking-related diseases annually – an average of four people per day.
- 10,200 high school students smoke (12.2% of the total high school population)
- 61,000 children are exposed to secondhand smoke at home
- 30,200 youth are projected to ultimately die from smoking
- Cigarette smoke contains more than 4,000 chemical compounds, including 50 known cancer-causing chemicals.
- Infants and children of parents who smoke are more likely to have ear infections and asthma and have more frequent lower respiratory problems such as coughs, pneumonia, bronchitis and croup.
- Women who smoke during pregnancy are more likely to give birth early to a baby that is underweight and prone to health and/or learning problems later in life.
- Exposure to secondhand smoke increases an infant's risk for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).
- People who live with a smoker have a 20% greater risk of developing lung cancer than those who live with a nonsmoker.

- Employees exposed to secondhand smoke on the job have a 30% greater risk of getting lung cancer than employees who work in a non-smoking environment.
- Smoking can contribute to tooth decay and gum disease, both of which are also linked to heart disease.

What about the cost impacts to Idaho?

- \$319,000,000 in annual healthcare costs are caused by smoking
- \$527 is the average Idaho household federal and state tax burden due to smoking,

As a Tobacco Retailer, your continued effort to refuse the sale of tobacco to minors truly does make a difference for both the health of Idaho citizens as well as our economy. Thank you for a continued job well done!

Tobacco Permits NOT Transferable

Tobacco permits do not transfer from owner to owner when a business is bought or sold. New owners must obtain a permit in their own name. If you are planning on selling your tobacco retail business, please contact us and let us know about either your business closure or about the change in ownership. Should you plan on purchasing a new or existing business that sells tobacco be sure to obtain a NEW permit. Getting a permit is FREE and easy and it's the LAW! A permit to sell tobacco can be obtained online at www.tobaccopermits.com/Idaho. Questions? Call us at 208-334-0642.



Need information on the Idaho tobacco law, training and point-of-sale resources, information about what IDs look like, a helpful quiz and game to practice when to refuse the sale of tobacco to a customer, and many other resources tailored to Idaho Tobacco Retailers? Check out our website designed just for Idaho Tobacco Retailers: Preventthesale.com/Idaho



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