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2020 FACTS AND STATS

Compliance Grade:
A
Calendar Year 2019

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?

- 1663 Tobacco Retailers were inspected.*
- 92 Tobacco Retailers sold to the inspecting minor.
- The compliance rate for the last six months was 94.47%

WELL DONE!

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

Being Prepared for Idaho's Tobacco Inspections

As Idaho navigates the COVID-19 Stages of Reopening (<https://rebound.idaho.gov/stages-of-reopening/>), retail and other businesses are resuming standard operation and more customers are resuming their shopping activities. As part of the State's phased reopening, Idaho's tobacco inspections that enforce Idaho Code 39-5700 have resumed.

Since tobacco sales are a big part of your business, now is the perfect time to review state and federal requirements so that you are prepared for these tobacco inspection activities.

Make sure your employees are properly prepared, trained, and ready for these inspections. You can start by making sure your business has training and procedures in place to comply with all aspects of Idaho Code 39-5700 (<http://preventthesale.com/Idaho/law.htm>). Be sure as an Idaho Tobacco Retailer:

- that your business has an active Idaho Tobacco Permit,
- that your clerks and employees are properly trained to refuse the same to any customer under the age of 21, and
- that your tobacco is stored and sold properly to comply with the rules on "non-vendor assisted sales," "self-service" displays, "open packages, samples, freebies," and "Vending Machines."

Our February and March 2020 Newsletters have more information on the state's code requirements and can provide helpful information to your employees. You can download a copy of these newsletters from our Preventthesale.com Newsletter Archive. We suggest that you have your employees and clerks read and initial these monthly newsletters as part of your businesses training activities. Having your staff read these monthly newsletters will keep both you and your staff up to date on the latest information and provide helpful training reminders and resources regarding Idaho's Tobacco law.

COVID-19 Questions?

Idaho public health officials continue to monitor the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) situation very closely. For information on the number of COVID-19 cases in Idaho and additional updates on COVID-19 specific to Idaho please visit <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/>. For resources and answers to your questions about COVID-19 and how it could affect you and your business visit <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/frequently-asked-questions/>. For details on the Four Stages of Reopening and Protocols for Businesses go online to: <https://rebound.idaho.gov/stages-of-reopening/>. Any additional questions can be directed to the state's COVID-19 Hotline at 1-888-330-3010 or your local public health district. <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/contact/>.



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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