



A Newsletter for Idaho Tobacco Retailers Sponsored by Idaho Department of Health & Welfare

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ID Tobacco Project Website: <https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/providers>*
*Scroll down to the topic "Retailers" then select "Idaho Tobacco Project."

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Facts and Stats AUGUST 2026

**What was the
Compliance Grade for this
month's
state tobacco and
electronic smoking device
inspections?**

Grade A

According to Idaho Code 39-5701, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare must inspect each Permitted Retailer that sells tobacco and electronic smoking devices to ensure that it does not sell these products to customers under the age of 21.

How well did these Permitted Retailers comply with the law for this month?

- **387** Permitted Retailers were inspected.*
- **20** Permitted Retailers sold to the underage inspector.

The **August 2026** compliance rate was:

94.83% - Good Work!

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

GET READY TO RENEW!

2027 PERMIT RENEWAL OPENS OCTOBER 1

Renewal season is almost here! Beginning October 1, Idaho retailers can renew their Tobacco and Electronic Smoking Device Permits for 2027.

To provide retailers with a smooth renewal experience, this year's renewals will use the familiar online process that most retailers will recognize from previous years. ITP will continue improving its online permitting services while retailers complete their renewals through the established system.

Beginning October 1, visit TobaccoPermits.com and select the Idaho permitting page. Follow the prompts to renew one permit or multiple permits. Businesses applying for a permit for the first time should select the new-permit option. There is no fee to obtain or renew an Idaho Tobacco and Electronic Smoking Device Permit.

Before submitting your renewal, review the business name, outlet name, location, contact information, and method of sale for each permit. Keeping this information complete and current will help the renewal process go smoothly.

Permits are not transferable to a new owner or location. If the business has closed or stopped selling regulated products, contact ITP for assistance in inactivating the existing permit. If the business has moved or changed ownership, the existing permit must be inactivated and a new permit obtained.

All current permits expire at midnight on December 31, 2026. Renewing early provides time to correct information or request assistance before the deadline.

NEED HELP?

For assistance, use the Contact Us option on the permitting site or call the ITP message line at 877-641-4468.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: BUSINESSES WITHOUT A STOREFRONT

A residence or mailing address does not, itself, explain how a business sells products directly to the retail public.

If your permit uses a residence or another location without a public storefront, be prepared to identify a clear retail sales method. This may include a functional retail website with an age-warning entry page, an advertised business telephone number, or an established delivery service. Internet-only retailers must provide the functional URL used to sell products. For help renewing a permit without a traditional storefront, call ITP at 877-641-4468.

MOBILE CIGAR RETAILERS

A mobile cigar retailer sells or distributes cigars and cigar-related products from a vehicle, trailer, or other mobile unit. Each mobile unit requires its own permit, identified by the unit's VIN or another unique serial number. See [Idaho Code § 39-5704\(3\)\(b\) and \(4\)](#) for details.

When renewing online, include the VIN or unique serial number with the outlet name:

Sample Outlet Name: Mobile Cigars Are Us (VIN: [17-character VIN])

or: Mobile Cigars Are Us (Serial No.: [unique serial number])

For help completing a mobile cigar permit, call ITP at 877-641-4468.

Monthly Health Highlight:

QUITTING BRINGS BENEFITS AT EVERY AGE

Quitting smoking improves health at any age. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, quitting reduces the risk of premature death and may add as much as 10 years to a person's life expectancy. The risks of heart attack, stroke, lung cancer, and other diseases also decline over time.

Free support is available to Idaho residents who want to stop smoking, chewing, or vaping. Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW or visit [ProjectFilter.org](#) to connect with a quit coach.

Sources: [CDC: Benefits of Quitting Smoking](#); [Project Filter](#); [Idaho DHW: Tobacco, Nicotine and Vaping](#)

Prevent-The-Sale!

Idaho Tobacco Retailers have two trusted resources to support compliance:

- **Idaho Tobacco Project Site:** [healthandwelfare.idaho.gov](#)
- **Interactive Training & Resources:** [PreventTheSale.com/Idaho](#)

There you'll find:

- Free training modules
- Sample ID examples
- Refresher resources
- Downloadable signage

Use these tools to support your staff — and stay ready for every sale and every inspection.



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PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO EMPLOYEES