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Facts and Stats

"A" average for April

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. In April 2014:

- 160 Vendors were inspected.*
- 10 Vendors sold to the inspecting minor.
- The compliance rate for the month was 93.75%

*Inspections where purchase attempts were made.

Prevent the Sale Website

PreventTheSale.com/Idaho

- Learn about the law
- Take the tobacco quiz
- See what the IDs look like
- Play the Game "Would You Sell to This Person"

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Smoking in Cars with Children

Is Smoking in the Car with Your Child Abusive Behavior?

According to Professor Steve Field, chairman of the Royal College of General Practitioners in Canada, it is. He said irresponsible behavior, like smoking in cars and around children, leads to high levels of disease and early death. He called on parents to be healthy role models for their children.

"Evidence from the US indicates that more young children are killed by parental smoking than by all other unintentional injuries combined," he said.

"Please don't take offence if we [doctors] tell you to lose weight or stop smoking or drinking. You need to face facts and take responsibility, but support is out there and together, we can help people live long, happy, fulfilling and healthy lives."

Can You Quickly Spot a Fake ID?

You can learn how to easily spot identification fraud by knowing exactly what to look for. Fake IDs are often just slightly different than the real thing. For example, the type might be a different size or font, and the back of it may be a little blurry. Here are some specific things you can check:

- Size, thickness, and color
- Placement, size, and font of the type
- Is the photo shaded, have glare or red eye?
- The state seal accuracy
- Blurry or dark images in the background
- Phrases like "for personal use," "office use only," or "not a government document."

Altered IDs often have rough places where the laminate has been tampered with. Check for cloudy images and places where numbers might overlap. Compare the birth date to the driver's license number because in some states these numbers match.

A borrowed ID can be hard to identify, given that people change. You should question any differences you might notice and ask the presenter to verify personal data on the card. You can also ask for a signature and compare it to the signature on the card. Also watch for expired cards.

To look at samples of fake ID cards, visit preventthesale.com.

Every May 31 is **World No Tobacco Day**, intended to bring attention to the growing use of tobacco and its devastating effects. This year, special attention was given to raising taxes on tobacco.

Employee Training Requirements

By law, any employee who sells tobacco must sign a Department of Health and Welfare Form indicating that they understand the state law's requirements. Here's what you should know:

- It is illegal to sell tobacco products to persons less than 18 years of age.
- Tobacco products include, but aren't limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, snuff, loose-leaf tobacco, smokeless tobacco and tobacco papers.
- Vendors are required to check photo identification to determine if a person is old enough to purchase tobacco products.
- If you do sell tobacco to someone under 18, you can personally be fined \$100.
- State inspections can occur at any time without warning.
- All tobacco sales must be vendor assisted and sold in their original manufacturer's packaging.
- Be sure you know the laws in regard to selling tobacco to minors, and understand the consequences.

Are Smokers Inhaling Bleach?

What happens when you burn ammonia with bleach? You get a toxic fire that doesn't go out in heavy wind. When you inhale that toxic smoke from the tip of your cigarette, you are inhaling pesticides as well, lodging bug and weed killer, ammonia and bleach in the tiny air sacs in your lungs.

Cigarettes are white because they're wrapped in bleached paper. The tobacco in the cigarette has been treated with pesticides, herbicides and insecticides. Mix these chemical with the bleach and you have a nice concoction that makes the nicotine even more potent.

Did you know that the design and contents of tobacco products make them addictive? They deliver more nicotine and deliver it quicker than ever before. Filtered and low-tar cigarettes are every bit as addictive and no safer than any other cigarette. Nicotine is the drug that addicts, and like heroin and cocaine, it changes the way the brain works and causes smokers to crave it more and more. Many teens who try cigarettes don't know how easily they can become addicted.



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