



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

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Facts and Stats

"A" average for October

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 October 2015:

- 136 Retailers were inspected.*
- 9 Retailers sold to the inspecting minor.
- The compliance rate for the month was 93.38%

*Inspections where purchase attempts were made.

Prevent the Sale Website

Preventthesale.com/Idaho

Make use of this great resource!



Happy Thanksgiving!

"Prevent The Sale" Resources

By Cheryl Reed

Prevent The Sale Resources

Did you know that Idaho's Prevent the Sale website is a valuable education and training resource? The website has a number of useful resources available to tobacco retailers and their employees. Learn how to identify fake IDs, understand Idaho's tobacco laws, and play the "Would you sell to this Person?" game.

The website contains an archive of all back issues of this newsletter. The newsletters stored in the archive are available for download. In addition, the website has an owner and employee training presentation that reviews all Idaho requirements. Finally, numerous posters and clerk/retailer training materials available for download in the "Retailer Resources" section.

We encourage you to utilize <http://www.preventthesale.com/idaho> as a retailer resource now and in the future. The Prevent the Sale website is paid for by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in partnership with several other organizations who care about the health of Idaho youth.

Do You Know The Answer?

According to state law, when someone approaches you to buy tobacco, what should you do?

1. Ask how old they are
2. Ask for Photo ID to see how old they are
3. Decide whether you think they are 18, and ask for ID if you're not sure.

Want to know the answer? Take the Tobacco Sellers Quiz at <http://www.preventthesale.com/idaho/flashquiz.htm>

Don't Forget to Renew your Tobacco Permit

Tobacco permits are free and required by law for all tobacco retailers in Idaho. Retailers are required to renew permits annually by **December 31**. Renewal is quick and easy! Go online: <http://www.tobacopermits.com/Idaho/> to renew your permit today! If you do not have an email address, call 208-334-0642 for assistance.

Warnings for Children and FDA Rules

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has assessed the trend of increasing calls to poison control centers and visits to emergency rooms related to liquid nicotine poisoning and exposure. This trend is related to the increasing popularity of electronic nicotine devices that use liquid nicotine that often comes in large containers. The public should be aware of the dangers of nicotine exposure for infants and children. The FDA is also considering requiring that some tobacco products be sold in child-resistant packaging to reduce the risk of exposure.

The FDA will consider input, data, and research to help with their decision to make this new rule. The process in creating new rules relating to tobacco products are generally 1) publishing the proposed rule, 2) providing 60-90 days for the public to comment, 3) issuing a final rule based on comments, and 4) enforcing that retailers and businesses comply with the new rule.

Comments regarding the new rule on liquid nicotine packaging closed August 31. The FDA is now in phase 3 of their process of assessing public comments. Stay tuned for their decision on possible new regulations on liquid nicotine, or read more at <http://fda.gov/TobaccoProducts>.

No-Tobacco-Sale Order

In May the FDA issued a draft guidance regarding the No-Tobacco-Sale Order (NTSO) to ban the selling of tobacco products for a period of time for retailers who have repeatedly violated certain restrictions on the sale and distribution of tobacco products. The draft guidance includes language about the FDA's regulations restricting the sale and distribution of cigarettes and smokeless tobacco to children and adolescents and grants authority to impose an NTSO on a retailer when there are five violations that occur within 36 months. The Tobacco Control Act does not establish specific periods of time for an NTSO, but allows the FDA to take into account the nature, circumstances, extent, and gravity of the violations, as well as other factors. However, a retailer may lose permanent tobacco selling authority after three NTSO violations. The draft NTSO is viewable on the fda.gov website.



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