



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

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Facts and Stats

"B+" average for November

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 November 2015:

- 103 Vendors were inspected.*
- 11 Vendors sold to the inspecting minor.
- The compliance rate for the month was 89.32%

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

Prevent the Sale Website

[Preventthesale.com/
Idaho](http://Preventthesale.com/Idaho)

Look for our new game, additional training and point-of-sale resources for retailers, and updated ID information!

Renew Your Tobacco Permits

By Cheryl Reed

2015 Tobacco Permits EXPIRE Dec 31, 2015

As a reminder, all 2015 Idaho Tobacco Permits will expire on December 31, 2015. After that, retailers that continue to sell tobacco products without a permit are doing so illegally.

Renewal is free, fast and easy! Go to Idaho Tobacco Permits to renew online at: www.tobaccopermits.com/Idaho/index.htm. You can also send an electronic request for permit renewal assistance by selecting the "contact us" on the homepage should you need additional renewal help. To renew by phone, please call the Idaho Tobacco Project at 208-334-0642.

As a reminder a valid email address is required to renew or obtain a new permit, and all outstanding fines must be paid before renewal can be finalized.

DON'T DELAY!



Refusing the Sale

Each day thousands of minors under 18 try their first cigarette. Many of those become daily smokers, addicted before they're old enough to take seriously the risks. Refusing the sale of tobacco to a minor is your way of preventing this serious dilemma. Statistics show that more than half of all youth smokers purchase their cigarettes from retailers, vending machines (which are illegal in Idaho), or other minors. The addiction rate for smoking is higher than that of marijuana, alcohol, or cocaine. Some youth experience tobacco dependence within a day of their first inhale. These are the reasons for the compliance checks and fines—and this newsletter sent to you each month.

The Cost of Smoking

Total annual healthcare expenditures for smoking-related illnesses - \$96 billion.
More than 434,000 Americans die every year from tobacco-related diseases.
Smoking a pack of cigarettes each day costs about \$1,500 per year.
More than 53,000 people die each year from secondhand smoke.

Free Tobacco Cessation Counseling

Know someone looking to quit? Quit Idaho provides resources to help. Take or share the readiness quiz to see if 2016 is the year to become free of tobacco: <https://www.quitnow.net/idaho/About/Quiz/Readiness.aspx>

Reporting Tobacco Product Violations

Retailers should know that the public can report potential tobacco product violations they see. The FDA has created a new method for reporting potential tobacco product violations that can be made anonymously. The web-based form provides an easy interface for the public to submit violation observations directly to the Center for Tobacco Products, and users will receive an instant notification that the form was received. Potential violations of any kind, such as sales to minors, sales of flavored cigarettes, or any advertising or promotion violation can be reported.

A downloadable pdf form remains available for users who prefer to send forms via standard mail. Once a report is received, the FDA will evaluate and determine what follow-up action, if any, is needed. The report will ask when the potential violation occurred, where the potential violation occurred, and what the potential violation was. The electronic form for reporting tobacco product violations can be accessed at <https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/ptvr/index.cfm>

Stop Sale Order

September of this year an order was issued to stop the sale and distribution of four tobacco products, including Camel Crush Bold, Pall Mall Deep Set Recessed Filter, Pall Mall Deep Set Recessed Filter Menthol, and Vantage Tech 13. The decision was based on a science-based review of the products that is designed to protect the public from the harm of tobacco products use. When an order to stop the sale and distribution is issued, the tobacco products are illegal to sell or distribute. During tobacco retailer compliance inspections, the FDA will check whether the retailer has any NSE products in the store. To read the list of products that are on the list “not substantially equivalent” list, visit <http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/Labeling/TobaccoProductReviewEvaluation/ucm371765.htm>



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PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO EMPLOYEES