



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

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Facts and Stats

Grade "B" for June

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 June 2016:

- 86 Vendors were inspected.*
- 11 Vendors sold to the inspecting minor.
- The compliance rate for the month was 87.21%

*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!

Tobacco History...Who Knew?

By Annette Ludington

Idaho and the tobacco law

In Idaho, it's illegal to sell tobacco products to a person under 18 years of age. Tobacco products include, but are not limited to: cigarettes, cigars, pipes, snuff, loose leaf tobacco, smokeless tobacco, and tobacco products such as rolling papers. If you sell tobacco to someone under age 18, you can be personally fined. State inspections can occur at any time to ensure compliance with the state law.

Are you sure you know the law? Any employee who sells tobacco must sign a Department of Health and Welfare form indicating they understand the state law's requirements. If you're not sure of the law, or how to refuse the sale of tobacco to a minor, you can visit www.preventthesale.com/idaho for helpful information.

What about Minors? Minors who possess, sell, or distribute tobacco products or electronic cigarettes are punished by fines, if caught. A third infraction constitutes a misdemeanor and is punishable by imprisonment in an appropriate facility for no more than thirty days and fined \$300. The court may also require the minor and the minor's parents to attend tobacco awareness programs or perform community service.

What about Minor Inspectors? Minors who are participating in legitimate state or federal tobacco inspections are Exempt from this possession law. It is unlawful to confiscate an inspecting minors ID or otherwise detain or threaten an inspecting minor.

True or False?

1. Idaho State law prohibits the sale of ANY tobacco products to persons under 18 years of age.
2. Verification of age is required for any sale of tobacco products
3. Tobacco sales to a minor can result in a personal fine to the sales clerk of at least \$100.
4. All tobacco sales must be vendor assisted unless the store's merchandise includes 75% of tobacco products.
5. Cigarettes must be sold only in their original sealed package from the manufacturer.
6. Any store may be inspected at any time for compliance with the state law regarding youth access to tobacco products.

(All of the above are true.)

Tobacco History...Who Knew?

Smoking on Commercial Airlines: While we may complain today about the cramped seats and the extra cost for luggage on airlines, imagine having to fly in a cabin filled with cigarette or cigar smoke. That was allowed 27+ years ago. That's right, smoking was allowed on airplanes and as many as a third of passengers could puff away in the last rows. Flight attendants began fighting to ban smoking on flights in the late 1960s but the ban didn't start happening until the early 1990s. Smoking was banned in the cabins first and later in the cockpit. It was thought that pilots may suffer withdrawal symptoms which could be hazardous to everyone onboard.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/1990/03/10/us/ban-on-smoking-in-airliners-doesn-t-apply-to-the-cockpit.html>

Age Limit on Tobacco Products Begins: In August 1995, President Bill Clinton proposed a plan to help prevent the onset of teenage smoking. He proposed to ban cigarette sales through vending machines and for anyone purchasing tobacco products would have to show proof of age 18. Up to this point, anyone could purchase tobacco if they had the money. I know, strange but true. Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/1995/08/11/us/teen-agers-tobacco-overview-clinton-proposes-broad-plan-curb-teen-age-smoking.html>

Raising the Tobacco Sale Age to 21: Hawaii became the first state to raise the tobacco sale age to 21 on January 1, 2016. California just followed Hawaii and raised the smoking age to 21 on June 9, 2016. Reports have concluded that raising the age requirement for the purchase of tobacco products could have a substantial positive impact on public health. It is well known that the majority of smokers begin smoking before they turn 21. Could this happen soon in Idaho? Source: <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/jan/5/hawaii-becomes-first-state-raise-legal-smoking-age/>; http://www.nytimes.com/2016/05/05/us/california-raising-smoking-age-to-21.html?_r=0



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