



A Newsletter for Idaho Tobacco Retailers  
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### Facts and Stats

#### Grade "A-" 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:

- 244 Vendors were inspected.\*
- 20 Vendors sold to the inspecting minor.
- The compliance rate for the month was 91.80%

\*Inspections where purchase attempts were made.

### Prevent the Sale Website

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

Training and Retailer Resources for Idaho Tobacco Retailers!



Happy Thanksgiving!

## Employee Training Form

By Annette Ludington

### Online Tobacco Training Form for Employees

There is an Employee Training Form online that all employees should read, initial, and sign. This form can be used as an initial and ongoing training tool for your employees to assure they are aware of the current laws regarding youth access to tobacco products in Idaho. It includes questions concerning who to ID, how to ID, what happens if the employee sells tobacco to a minor, and describes what the term "tobacco products" include.

However, before your employee completes the training form, it would be a good idea to have them read the State of Idaho Administrative Code 16.06.14; Rules Governing the Prevention of Minors' Access to Tobacco Products and watch the PreventTheSale Owner and Employee Training Presentation.

The Training Presentation, Code and Employee Training Form are excellent training tools to use during your routine staff meetings that would ensure compliance of the Idaho laws and open up discussion for any confusion the employees may have.

Where can you find a these retailer resources? On the PreventTheSale website! A copy of Idaho Code 39-501 and the Employee Training Form can be downloaded at <http://preventthesale.com/Idaho/law.htm>. The Employee Training Form is located toward the end of the State of Idaho Administrative Code 16.06.14 as Appendix A (page 9). The PreventTheSale Owner and Employee Training Presentation can be found in the "Retailer Recourses" section of the PreventTheSale website at <http://preventthesale.com/Idaho/resources.htm>

## Do You Know the Answer?

According to Idaho 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/quiz.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, but you can renew it today. Renewal is quick and easy! Go online to <http://www.tobacopermits.com/Idaho/> to renew your permit today! If you do not have an email address or need assistance, call 208-334-0642.

For additional instructions you can refer to last month's newsletter found in our newsletter archives for steps on how to renew your permit. Go to [http://www.preventthesale.com/idaho/2016\\_Edition\\_10\\_Premit\\_Renewal\\_Time\\_.pdf](http://www.preventthesale.com/idaho/2016_Edition_10_Premit_Renewal_Time_.pdf) to download a copy of that newsletter. This and all past newsletters are located in the "Retailer Resources" section on the PreventTheSale website at <http://preventthesale.com/Idaho/resources.htm>.

Additionally, all retailers will also be receiving regular reminders and detailed instructions on how to renew their Tobacco Permits from the online e-newsletter system. Postcards reminders will be mailed out to all retailers who have failed to renew starting in December. Watch for those reminders!

## Teen Tobacco Inspectors are Hired Employees

Adult Tobacco Inspectors are still being asked if the underage teens that are trying to purchase tobacco products are on probation or doing this as some kind of punishment. This cannot be further from the truth! Idaho's Tobacco Teen Inspectors are hired, taxpaying employees. These minors have an interest in the mission of the tobacco project: to prevent the sale of tobacco to minors and reduce early onset smoking amongst their peers. The teens used in Idaho must: complete a training program, be non-smokers, have a passing GPA in High School, not be in any kind of trouble with the law or with their schools, and able to ride in a vehicle for extended periods of time (you know Idaho).

These teens enjoy their job and like that they are reminding tobacco retailers and employees to always ID anyone that looks younger than 27 years old. The teens do NOT want their peers to start smoking and are always happy and excited when retailers consistently and successfully refuse the sale of tobacco to minors.



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**PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO EMPLOYEES**