



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

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ID Tobacco Project Website: [healthandwelfare.idaho.gov](http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov)

Select the "medical" menu and then "Idaho Tobacco Permits"

### Facts and Stats

"A-" average for  
September

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 **September 2017**:

- 173 Vendors were inspected.\*
- 15 Vendors sold to the inspecting minor.
- The compliance rate for the month was 91.33%

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

### Prevent the Sale Website,

A training resource provided to you by the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare.

Visit our website and get valuable retailer education and training support on all aspects of Idaho's "Prevention of Minors' Access to Tobacco" law!

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

## Renew Your Tobacco Permit!

By Cheryl Reed

### It's TIME to Renew Tobacco Permits

Tobacco permits are FREE and REQUIRED by law for all tobacco vendors in the state of Idaho. Managed by the Idaho Tobacco Project, permits must be renewed each year by December 31. You may renew your permit online NOW at <http://www.tobaccopermits.com/idaho/>. A valid email address is required to obtain or renew a tobacco permit. If that's a problem for you, call 208-334-0642.

Penalties for selling tobacco without a permit in Idaho are harsh and considered a criminal offense in Idaho. The Idaho Code for tobacco sales states:

"The sale or distribution of tobacco products without a permit shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment not exceeding six (6) months in the county jail, a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300), or both. If the sale or distribution of tobacco products was to a minor, the fine shall be no less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000)."

The court may also impose additional fines of one thousand (\$1,000) per day beginning the day following the date of the citation as long as the illegal tobacco sales or distribution continues. You can read the Idaho Code, paragraph 39-5709 here: <http://law.justia.com/codes/idaho/2015/title-39/chapter-57/section-39-5709/>

Also, Idaho does not issue temporary permits for events, mobile business such as food trucks or golf cart sales.

### Steps for Renewing Your Idaho Tobacco Permit for 2018

1. Make sure you have a valid email address. If you do NOT, call the Department of Health and Welfare at 208-334-0642.
2. Go to <http://www.tobaccopermits.com/idaho/>.
3. Click on "Renew a permit," "Renew multiple permits," or "First time permit".
4. Enter your current permit number or your state, city, and business name.
5. Once you find your business, click on "update permit."
6. Print your permit and have it available at all times if requested. State law does not require your permit to be visible or posted; however, we recommend you have your permit on site and available for FDA inspections.

## Be Familiar with the Idaho Driver's License!

There are a couple of really quick ways to determine the age of a person attempting to purchase tobacco from your store. If the driver's license is designed vertical ↑, the individual is younger than 18 and cannot purchase tobacco. A horizontal design → means that the individual is older than 21.

Another quick reference is to look at the color. If the driver's license says "Under 18 until" followed by a date in GREEN, this person is not old enough to purchase tobacco. The date on the license will say when the youth is old enough to purchase tobacco products. If the license says "Under 21 Until: in RED letters, tobacco sales are okay for this person.

So quickly:

- A vertical ↑ driver's license and a green stamp means it is NOT okay to sell tobacco to the individual.
- A horizontal → driver's license and a red stamp means the individual is older than 21 and can purchase tobacco.

## Are you ready for an Inspection?

It doesn't have to be scary if you follow the law. Inspections are random and typically include an inspecting minor who attempts to purchase tobacco products from you. Remember to ask for ID on all young looking customers, review their ID's color and shape, and how to say NO to any underage customers! You'll be okay!



Happy Halloween!



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