



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

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Facts and Stats

"A" 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 2017:

- 156 Vendors were inspected.*
- 11 Vendors sold to the inspecting minor.
- The compliance rate for the month was 92.95%

*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.

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

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

In The Spirit of the Holiday

By Cheryl Reed

Idaho Code 39-5700, and what it means (to us) during the holidays

The Idaho statute that details the prevention of minors' access to tobacco laws is Idaho Code Title 39, Chapter 57 on Health and Safety. The intent behind the code is clear:

"Tobacco is the number one killer in Idaho causing more deaths by far than alcohol, illegal drugs, car crashes, homicides, suicides, fires, and AIDS combined, ... costing Idaho more than \$240 million each year." (Download the code at <http://www.preventthesale.com/idaho/law.htm>)

The code explains that most minors buy their own tobacco products or steal from self-service displays as well as vending machines. The law prohibits the possession, distribution, and use of tobacco products by minors and the consequences to those who disregard the law.

Your job to uphold the law is evident, but the *importance* of your job may not be as evident. When Idaho legislators established Code 39, their motivation was to reduce the number of tobacco-related deaths in Idaho. Knowing that the majority of smokers begin their addiction as minors, legislators enacted laws to prevent accessibility of tobacco products to minors—at the same time establishing *tobacco retailers and employees*—*YOU*--as the gatekeepers of these laws. Your job is so important!

So, during this season of giving, we want to express our appreciation for you and acknowledge how important your job is in preventing the sale of tobacco to minors. Your work over time will accomplish Idaho's monumental goal of reducing the number of Idahoans who die from tobacco-related illnesses. Thank you, and Happy Holidays!

Tobacco Permit Renewals Due by December 31

You have until December 31, 2017 to renew your tobacco permit, which is Tobacco FREE and REQUIRED by law for all tobacco vendors in the state of Idaho. You may renew your permit online NOW at <http://www.tobacopermits.com/idaho/>. A valid email address is required to obtain or renew a tobacco permit. If you need help to renew, call Sharon at 208-892-0620 or Debbie at 208-334-0642.

Minor Tobacco Inspectors Are Hired Employees

Idaho's Tobacco Teen Inspectors are hired, taxpaying employees who 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. These teens are not in trouble with the law and their job is to ensure tobacco retailers and employees always I.D. anyone that looks younger than 27 years old. These hard-working teens do NOT want their peers to start smoking. Their goal is for no retailer to sell them tobacco products.

The teens used in Idaho as inspectors must:

- Be between 16 and 17 years old,
- Complete a training program,
- Be non-smokers,
- Have a passing GPA in high school,
- Have their parents or guardians permission to participate in the program,
- Not be in any kind of trouble with the law or with their schools, and
- Be able to ride in a vehicle for extended periods of time.

Idaho's inspecting teens are smart, well-trained youth who care about their community and their peers' health. They are professionals who are trained to be respectful to retailers and other customers. Idaho's teen inspectors are helping to reduce youth access to tobacco in Idaho.

Happy Holidays!



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