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### Facts and Stats

#### "A-" average for July

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 **July 2018**:

- 23 Vendors were inspected.\*
- 2 Vendors sold to the inspecting minor.
- The compliance rate for the month was 91.3%

\*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!

## New Requirements for Cigar Sales

By Cheryl Reed

### New Requirements for Cigar Sales

Beginning August 10, 2018, there are some new requirements for selling cigars.

Following are all of the requirements:

- Check photo ID of everyone under age 27 who attempts to purchase cigars
- Only sell cigars to customers age 18 and older
- Do not sell cigars in a vending machine unless in an adult-only facility
- Do not give away free samples of cigars, including any of their component parts.
- Do not sell or distribute cigars without a health warning statement displayed on the package.
- Do not display advertisements for cigars without a health statement warning
- If you sell cigars individually, and not in a product package, you must post a sign with **six required warning statements** within 3 inches of each cash register. These warning statements are:
  - WARNING: Cigar smoking can cause cancers of the mouth and throat, even if you do not inhale.
  - WARNING: Cigar smoking can cause lung cancer and heart disease
  - WARNING: Cigars are not a safe alternative to cigarettes
  - WARNING: Tobacco smoke increases the risk of lung cancer and heart disease, even in nonsmokers
  - WARNING: Cigar use while pregnant can harm you and your baby

Or

- SURGEON GENERAL WARNING: Tobacco use increases the risk of infertility, stillbirth, and low birth weight
- WARNING: This product contains nicotine. Nicotine is an addictive chemical

This information, as well as more details, can be found on the FDA website at [fda.gov](http://fda.gov).

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## Are you using the FDA age calculator app?

The FDA app, called “FDA Age Calculator” can be downloaded from the Apple App Store or Google Play. You can either enter the calculations manually by entering the customer’s date of birth, or scan the ID using your phone. To scan the ID, simply select “Scan ID” from the app and point your phone camera to the back side of the ID card where the bar code is displayed.

## Required Signage

The FDA requires retailers that sell tobacco to post very specific signage about tobacco-selling policies. Failure to post the correct signage can result in penalties up to \$250 for a third offense. Following is the specifics for signage:

- Contain red lettering at least ½ inch high on a white background
- Include a pack of cigarettes at least 2 inches high defaced by a red diagonal of a surrounding red circle and the words “Under 18”.

## Why So Much About the FDA?

In 2009 congress passed the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, and assigned responsibility to the FDA Center for Tobacco Products (CTP) for carrying out its requirements. This law gives the FDA broad authority to regulate the manufacturing, distribution, and marketing of tobacco products.

The FDA management of the Tobacco Control Act is a good thing. Its vision and mission statements provide a clear understanding of their purpose and can help retailers understand why there are rules and regulations for tobacco manufacturing, marketing, and sales. Here are the FDA Center for Tobacco Products mission and vision statements, as posted on their website <https://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/AboutCTP/ucm383225.htm>

### Vision Statement

*To make tobacco-related death and disease part of America's past, not America's future and, by doing so, ensure a healthier life for every family.*

### Mission Statement

*To protect Americans from tobacco-related death and disease by regulating the manufacture, distribution, and marketing of tobacco products and by educating the public, especially young people, about tobacco products and the dangers their use poses to themselves and others.*



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