



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

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### 2020 FACTS AND STATS

Compliance Grade:  
**A+**  
May 2020

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.

How well did Idaho Tobacco Retailers comply with the law?

- 575 Tobacco Retailers were inspected.\*
- 14 Tobacco Retailers sold to the inspecting minor.
- The compliance rate for May 2020 was

**97.57%**

**WELL DONE!**

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

### Updated Idaho Code 39-5700 Effective July 1, 2020

As a reminder, the Idaho Legislature has updated Idaho Code 39-5700, [Prevention of Minors' Access to Tobacco Products and Electronic Smoking Devices](#), and new code requirements will go into effect on **July 1, 2020**.

According to this updated Legislation, retailers including vape shops who sell nicotine, tobacco, or electronic smoking device products are now required to have an Idaho Tobacco Permit. These retailers are also subject to the requirements of Idaho Code 39-5700 including enforcement inspections.

We encourage all Idaho Tobacco Retailers, and especially our newest retailers and their employees, to carefully review Idaho Code 39-5700. This will ensure that you stay in compliance with Idaho law regarding the sale of tobacco products and electronic smoking devices.

#### **A Note to Vape/E-Device Only Retailers Regarding your Permit Profile**

If you are an Idaho Tobacco Retailer and consider yourself to be a Vape/E-Device only shop and are receiving this newsletter, then you have already successfully obtained a current Idaho Tobacco Permit and no further action is needed on your part at this time. Thank you!

Please remember that when getting a new permit or renewing your annual permit that Vape/E-Device Only stores should choose the Vendor Type "Other" when completing or updating their permit profile. If you already obtained a permit, but chose a different Vendor Type during your permit profile set up, please contact us by either the ["Contact Us"](#) link on the [TobaccoPermits.com](http://TobaccoPermits.com) homepage or call us toll free at 877-641-4468 and we can help you adjust your profile information so that it accurately reflects the Vendor Type: Other.

#### **More Info to Come!**

Be on the lookout for additional information and notifications coming from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) regarding the updated Idaho Code 39-5700. Once the updated code becomes available, a copy will be posted and will be available for download at [Preventthesale.com](http://Preventthesale.com) the under ["Know the Law"](#) tab. In addition, we will provide retailers with resources to additional information as it becomes available through this newsletter and [Preventthesale.com](http://Preventthesale.com).

## Tobacco and Vaping Sales Policy for your Business

Training employees is an important part of running any business. For Idaho Tobacco Retailers it is especially important that their clerks and employees understand the rules and laws for handling and selling tobacco and electronic smoking device products in Idaho. Untrained employees are at greater risk of getting fines for sales to a minor during compliance inspections. Your business could also be fined for too many violations of Idaho Code 39-5700. One of the best ways your company can be certain its employees are properly trained is to have a written policy that outlines the company's rules for selling tobacco and vaping products.

Don't have time to build a policy from scratch? No problem! [We Card.org](http://WeCard.org) provides a [free template](#) to make things easy. The template is customizable and can be downloaded and edited in Word.

It's as simple as 1-2-3:

1. Make a quick edit of the template to fit your business needs,
2. Have your employees to read and sign the Acknowledgement, and
3. Place the Acknowledgement in their employee file for future reference.

Having proof that you have trained employees can help if your business gets fined for sales to a minor. While decisions on fines assessments are on a case by case basis, being able to show you routinely train your employees and have a company policy that clearly outlines the rules can help to show your efforts towards compliance.

## The Latest on COVID-19

Ada and Boise County were moved back to Phase 3 as of June 24, 2020. Some of our tobacco retailers may be affected by this Phase change, namely Bars and Restaurants. Be sure to keep up to date with the latest on COVID-19 requirements for your business as Idaho public health officials continue to monitor the trajectory of the COVID-19 disease throughout the state. Check out these resources to learn more:

- [Latest COVID-19 updates](#),
- COVID-19 [Frequently Asked Questions](#),
- Specifics on the [Stages of Reopening](#),
- [Contact information to your local public health district](#)



Need information on the Idaho tobacco law, training and point-of-sale resources, information about what IDs look like, a helpful quiz and game to practice when to refuse the sale of tobacco to a customer, and many other resources tailored to Idaho Tobacco Retailers? Check out our website designed just for Idaho Tobacco Retailers: [Preventthesale.com/Idaho](http://Preventthesale.com/Idaho)



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