



A Newsletter for Idaho Tobacco Retailers

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2020 FACTS AND STATS

What was the Compliance Grade after last month's state tobacco inspections?

**Grade A
for
November 2020**

According to Idaho Code 39-5701, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare must inspect each Permitted Retailer that sells tobacco and electronic smoking devices to ensure that it does not sell these products to minors.

How well did these Permitted Retailers comply with the law in November 2020?

- 74 Permitted Retailers were inspected.*
- 3 Permitted Retailers sold to the inspecting minor.
- The compliance rate for November 2020 was

**95.95%
WELL DONE!**

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

Renew Your Idaho Tobacco Permit TODAY!

With the holiday season upon us it can be easy to forget the many year-end activities that can affect your business. One of those essential activities, is renewing your Idaho Tobacco Permit.

All 2020 tobacco permits will expire on December 31, 2020. So, if you haven't already, it is important to renew your tobacco permit TODAY! The renewal process is FAST, EASY, and FREE. You can renew your existing permit or apply for a first-time permit online at: TobaccoPermits.com

Having trouble or have questions? There are also ways to get help with renewing or obtaining your permit. You can send an email request for assistance by selecting the "Contact Us" link on the TobaccoPermits.com homepage, or you call us directly at 877-641-4468.

WHO ARE THESE TEEN TOBACCO INSPECTORS, ANYWAY?

Idaho Tobacco Retailers still ask about the Teen Tobacco Inspectors. They ask: Who are these kids? Are these teens on probation? Are they doing tobacco inspection as punishment or community service?

This perspective cannot be further from the truth! Idaho's Teen Tobacco Inspectors are hired, taxpaying employees. These minors have an interest in the mission of the Idaho Tobacco Project and care about the health of their fellow teens.

To be hired as a Teen Tobacco Inspector in Idaho, they must:

- Complete a comprehensive 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
- Have parent permission and consent.


These are good kids who want to work at a job that helps to prevent the sale of tobacco and electronic smoking devices to other minors. They know that by reducing early onset smoking and vaping amongst their peers, they are saving lives. They understand the risks associated with teens and nicotine addiction. They understand that:

- Each day, 1,200 kids younger than 18 years of age become new, daily smokers.
- More than a third of all kids who ever try smoking a cigarette become daily smokers before leaving high school.
- The addiction rate for smoking is higher than the addiction rates for marijuana, alcohol or cocaine.
- Symptoms of nicotine addiction often occur only weeks or even just days after youth "experimentation" with smoking first begins.
- Young people who try to quit suffer the same nicotine withdrawal symptoms as adults.
- Young people who start early have an increased risk for heart disease, chronic lung disease, and lung and other cancers.

These Teen Tobacco Inspectors enjoy their job and like that they are reminding Idaho Tobacco Retailers and their employees to always ID anyone that looks younger than 27 years old and refuse the sale to underage customers. As a reminder, while state law restricts the sale of tobacco to anyone under 18, we encourage all Idaho Tobacco Retailers to follow the federal Tobacco21 guidelines that restricts sales of tobacco and electronic smoking devices to any customer under 21. This would ensure full state and federal compliance and would provide the most protection from any potential violation of state or federal law.

The teens do NOT want their peers to start smoking and are always happy and excited when Idaho Tobacco Retailers consistently and successfully refuse the sale of tobacco to minors. Thank you for participating in this effort and for your continued refusals to sell tobacco and electronic devices to those underage.

Source: [Teens & Smoking Resource Information from National Jewish Health](#)



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



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