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2021 FACTS AND STATS

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

Grade **A**
for
March 2021

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 March 2021?

- 352 Permitted Retailers were inspected.*
- 20 Permitted Retailers sold to the inspecting minor.
- The compliance rate for March 2021:

94.32%
SUPER!

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

Deadly Ingredients Makes Preventing the Sale to Idaho's Youth Essential

Idaho's Department of Health and Welfare is proud to say that most of its Tobacco Retailers have faithfully complied with the law and refused the sale of tobacco to customers under 18. Sales to minors' rates have remained extremely low for many years. But does your continued vigilance to check customer IDs, knowing and complying with the law, having trained clerks able and committed to saying, "No!" to every minor that attempts to purchase tobacco really matter? You bet it does! As a Tobacco Retailer, your continued effort to refuse the sale of tobacco to minors truly does make a difference for the health of Idaho citizens, especially our youth. Why?

Taking A Closer Look: What's in a Cigarette

Over the years, Idaho Tobacco Retailers have become well versed in the harm caused by classic tobacco products to its citizens and youth. As a reminder, let us review what is in those classic tobacco products, like cigarettes:

There are approximately 600 ingredients in cigarettes that create more than 7000 chemicals when burned? At least 69 of the chemicals in that smoke are known to be toxic and cause cancer:

- Acetone—found in nail polish remover
- Acetic acid—an ingredient in hair dye
- Ammonia—a common household cleaner
- Arsenic—used in rat poison
- Benzene—found in rubber cement and gasoline
- Butane—used in lighter fluid
- Cadmium—active component in battery acid
- Carbon monoxide—released in car exhaust fumes
- Formaldehyde—embalming fluid
- Hexamine—found in barbecue lighter fluid
- Lead—used in batteries
- Naphthalene—an ingredient in mothballs
- Methanol—a main component in rocket fuel
- Nicotine—used as an insecticide
- Tar—material for paving roads
- Toluene—used to manufacture paint

Taking A Closer Look: What's in Vape/E-Cigarettes

What about electronic smoking device products (aka vaper or e-cigarettes)? Do they also contain harmful substances? E-cigarettes are still new, and scientists are still learning about their long-term health effects. Most e-cigarettes contain nicotine, which has known health effects:

- Nicotine is highly addictive.
- Nicotine can harm adolescent and young adult brain development, which continues into the early to mid-20s.
- Nicotine is a health danger for pregnant women and their developing babies.

Besides nicotine, e-cigarette aerosol can contain substances that harm the body. This includes cancer-causing chemicals and tiny particles that reach deep into lungs. However, e-cigarette aerosol generally contains fewer harmful chemicals than smoke from burned tobacco products.

E-cigarettes can cause unintended injury. Defective e-cigarette batteries have caused fires and explosions, some of which have resulted in serious injuries. Most explosions happened when the e-cigarette batteries were being charged. In addition, acute nicotine exposure can be toxic. Children and adults have been poisoned by swallowing, breathing, or absorbing e-cigarette liquid through their skin or eyes.

Did you know?

Did you know that when a clerk sells to a minor during a state enforcement inspection that in many of those cases the clerk asked for and reviewed the minors ID first? In some instances, the clerk asked the minor for ID, reviewed the ID, entered the IDs date of birth into the cash registers date monitor, and viewed the underage warning flag provided by the cash register...but then...SOLD the tobacco product or electronic smoking device to the inspecting minor ANYWAY! Do not let this be something that happens at your retail location! Be sure to remind your clerks that “No!” should always be the right answer when any minor asks for a tobacco product or electronic smoking devise.



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](https://www.preventthesale.com/Idaho)



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