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

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ID Tobacco Project Website: https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/providers\*

\*Scroll down to the topic "Retailers" then select "Idaho Tobacco Project."

#### **FACTS AND STATS**

What was the Compliance Grade for August 2024 state tobacco and electronic smoking device inspections?

### Grade A

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 customers under the age of 21.

How well did these Permitted Retailers comply with the law in August 2024?

- 284 Permitted Retailers were inspected. \*
- 21 Permitted Retailers sold to the underage inspector.
- The compliance rate for August 2024 was:

92.61% **KEEP IT UP!** 

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

### Permit Renewal Season is Here!

Idaho Tobacco and Electronic Smoking Device Retailers must renew their tobacco permit each year. Any retailer who sells tobacco and/or electronic smoking devices to the public within the boundaries of the State of Idaho, is required to obtain and keep a valid Idaho tobacco and electronic smoking device permit.

Mark your calendars and be sure to renew timely to avoid legal penalties!

## Things to Know about Permit Renewal?

- Renew online at tobaccopermits.com/Idaho.
- ► The renewal window is between October 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024. It is illegal to sell tobacco and electronic smoking devices with an expired permit. So be sure to renew prior to the December 31 deadline.
- Once the renewal process is complete, your Idaho Tobacco and Electronic Smoking Device Permit will be valid until December 31, 2025.
- The cost of an Idaho Tobacco and Electronic Smoking Device Permit is FREE.
- ► There is no waiting period. Once the renewal process is finished a permit is issued immediately.
- ► Idaho Tobacco and Electronic Smoking Device Permits are NOT TRANSFERRABLE. Permits cannot be transferred to a new owner. New owners will need to obtain a NEW permit for that retail location instead of renewing the existing permit associated with the old owner.
- ► It is illegal to sell tobacco and/or electronic smoking devices from a vending machine in Idaho.

- Read carefully all the laws, requirements, and expectations for being an Idaho Tobacco Product and Electronic Smoking Device retailer by reviewing Idaho's <u>law</u> and administrative rules
- ► There are civil and criminal penalties for selling tobacco and/or electronic smoking devices in Idaho without a permit. To avoid these penalties, be sure to keep your Idaho Tobacco and Electronic Smoking Device Permit renewed and up to date.
- ▶ We are here to help! Have any technical difficulties, questions, want help renewing, or need a copy of your permit? There are two ways to reach us:
  - ➤ Call the ITP message hotline at 877-641-4468. Listen to the message options and then leave us a detailed message. Your call will be returned in the order it was received. Most calls are returned within 2 business days.
  - ➤ Send us an email through the "Contact Us" link on the tobaccopermits.com/Idaho homepage.

### No Longer Need a Permit? What Retailers Should Do

Don't need an Idaho Tobacco and Electronic Smoking Device Permit anymore? Let us know right away!

- ► Email us using the <u>"Contact Us"</u> feature on the homepage. In your email, be sure to indicate why you no longer need a permit. These reasons include Change of Ownership; No longer selling tobacco or electronic smoking devices; On an Indian Reservation; Out of Business; or provide us with another explanation.
- ► Call the ITP message hotline at 877-641-4468 and leave a message providing the details of your request on the message line or request a call back from a member of the ITP team.

#### Prevent-The-Sale!

Idaho Tobacco Retailers have two resources for Prevent-The-Sale content: Visit Idaho's Department of Health and Welfare's official <u>Idaho Tobacco Project-Prevent The Sale</u> webpage for statewide information.

Visit Idaho Tobacco Projects interactive website <u>Preventhesale.com</u> for interactive and evolving content, including newsletter archives, information on IDs, and downloadable resources and documents.



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