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ID Tobacco Project Website: <https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/providers>\*  
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### FACTS AND STATS

What was the Compliance Grade for October 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 October 2024?

- 268 Permitted Retailers were inspected. \*
- 13 Permitted Retailers sold to the underage inspector.
- The compliance rate for October 2024 was:

**95.15%**  
**TERRIFIC!**

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

## Gratitude and Commitment: Idaho Retailers Supporting Youth Health This Thanksgiving

As Thanksgiving approaches, it's a perfect time to express gratitude for the partnership between the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and Idaho's tobacco and vape retailers. Together, we are making a meaningful difference in the health and wellbeing of Idaho's citizens, especially its youth, by preventing the sale of tobacco and vape products to all underage customers. This collaboration is a testament to the shared commitment to creating healthier communities and brighter futures for the next generation.

### Protecting Youth, Promoting Health

Idaho retailers play a critical role in protecting young people from the harmful effects of smoking and vaping. By strictly adhering to laws that prohibit the sale of tobacco and vaping products to minors, they are actively supporting efforts to combat the negative health impacts associated with these substances. According to the CDC, smoking and vaping can cause a range of serious health problems, including cancer, heart disease, stroke, lung diseases, diabetes, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). The developing brains of adolescents are particularly vulnerable to nicotine's harmful effects, which include addiction and long-term cognitive impairments. By ensuring these products stay out of the hands of minors, Idaho retailers are making an investment in the future health of their communities.

### Reasons to Be Thankful

This Thanksgiving, we are especially thankful for the dedication of Idaho's retailers who are committed to following the law and prioritizing the health of young Idahoans. Their partnership with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare underscores the importance of a united effort in tackling public health challenges like smoking and vaping.

Let's celebrate the shared commitment of Idaho's retailers, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, and the many individuals working to protect the health of Idaho's youth. Happy Thanksgiving and thank you to everyone dedicated to keeping Idaho's communities strong and healthy!

## TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO RENEW PERMITS

Your Idaho Tobacco and Electronic Smoking Device Permits will expire on **December 31, 2024**. **Renew your Permit for 2025 today!** Permit renewals can be completed online for **free** on the Idaho Tobacco Project (ITP) website - [TobaccoPermits.com/Idaho](https://TobaccoPermits.com/Idaho).

### Need help renewing?

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:

- ▶ Send us an email through the "[Contact Us](#)" link on the [ITP homepage](#).
- ▶ 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.

### Renewal Reminders

- ▶ **Permits are Not Transferrable.** Remember that if you sell your retail location, your permit is **NOT** transferrable. The new owner must get their own Idaho issued permit.
- ▶ **No Sales from Vending Machines.** It is illegal to sell tobacco and/or electronic smoking devices from a vending machine in Idaho.
- ▶ **Temporary Permits are not allowed.** Permits for temporary markets, community events, fairs, tasting events, and mobile businesses are not allowed.

### No longer need a permit?

Email us using the "[Contact Us](#)" 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.

### Prevent-The-Sale!

Idaho Tobacco Retailers have two resources for Prevent-The-Sale content: Visit Idaho's Department of Health and Welfare's official [Idaho Tobacco Project-Prevent The Sale](#) webpage for statewide information.

Visit Idaho Tobacco Projects interactive website [Preventthesale.com](https://Preventthesale.com) for interactive and evolving content, including newsletter archives, information on IDs, and downloadable resources and documents.



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