



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

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Facts and Stats

"B+" average for
September

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. In September 2015:

- 154 Vendors were inspected.*
- 18 Vendors sold to the inspecting minor.
- The compliance rate for the month was 88.31%

*Inspections where purchase attempts were made.

Prevent the Sale Website

[Preventthesale.com/
Idaho](http://Preventthesale.com/Idaho)

Our website has updated information and resources!

Look for our new game, additional training and point-of-sale resources for retailers, and updated ID information!

Renewing Tobacco Permits

By Cheryl Reed

Tobacco Permit Renewal Time Has Arrived

Tobacco permits are free and required by law for all tobacco vendors in Idaho. Vendors are required to renew permits annually by **December 31**. A valid email address is required to obtain or renew an Idaho permit. Temporary permits are prohibited in Idaho, including permits for temporary markets, community events, fairs, cigar tasting events, etc. Mobil business permits, like roving food trucks or golf cart sales are also prohibited in Idaho.

Penalties for selling tobacco without a permit are harsh and considered a criminal offense. The Idaho Code for tobacco sales states:



"The sale or distribution of tobacco products without a permit shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment not exceeding six (6) months in the county jail, a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300), or by both such fine and imprisonment. If the sale or distribution of tobacco products was to a minor, the fine shall be no less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1000).

In addition to the penalties above, the court may impose an additional fine of one thousand dollars (\$1000) per day beginning the day following the date of the citation as long as the illegal tobacco sales or distribution continues. The first seven (7) days of additional fines may be suspended provided that the business or seller is able to prove that the business or seller has applied for the permit within seven (7) days of the citation." <http://preventthesale.com/Idaho/law.htm>.

Renewal is quick and easy! Go online: <http://www.tobaccopermits.com/Idaho/> to renew your permit today! If you do not have an email address, call 208-334-0642 for assistance.

If it's GREEN, say NO to the Teen

Under Idaho law it's illegal to sell tobacco to minors. This means anything that contains tobacco including cigarettes, tobacco, tobacco papers, snuff, cigars, electronic cigarettes, pipes and smokeless tobacco. If you do sell to a minor, you could be fined \$100 and lose your job. Always ask for a photo ID and **LOOK FOR THE GREEN BOX TO THE RIGHT OF THE PHOTO.**



**Which one is 18?
Don't Try to Guess!**

Always check a legal identification card
before selling **TOBACCO** to anyone.

The FDA requires that everyone who looks younger than 27 must be carded. But how can you tell? To be safe, you should always check for legal identification.

Let's work together to ensure that Idaho youth are protected from tobacco products. Idaho strongly encourages employers to train new employees on tobacco policies before starting a new job and to also offer refresher training each year.

In Idaho, both the clerk and the retailer are fined if the business does not pass a compliance check. So be sure you and your employees get the proper training. Go to:

<http://preventthesale.com/Idaho/resources.htm>

and download the "Preventthesale Owner and Employee Training Presentation." This training, along with all the information and resources available at preventthesale.com/Idaho/ reviews the obligations of both tobacco retailers and their employees. The information provided on preventthesale.com/Idaho/ will ensure you and your employees have all the information necessary to comply with Idaho's "Prevention of Minors' Access to Tobacco" law.



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