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Tobacco Worldwide: Informative and Educational

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Facts and Stats

“A” Average for AUGUST

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 AUGUST 2008

- ❖ 45 Vendors were inspected.*
- ❖ 1 Vendors sold to the inspecting minor.
- ❖ The compliance rate for the month of August 2008 was 98%

*Inspections where purchase attempts were made.

Prevent the Sale Web site

www.preventthesale.com/idaho

- Learn about the law
- Take the tobacco quiz
- See what the ID's look like
- Play the Game "Would You Sell to This Person?"

Smoking Worldwide Factoids

Authorities have imposed a smoking ban in most public buildings in the capital Beijing, **China**. For every three cigarettes lit worldwide, one is smoked in China. Almost 25% of the Chinese smoke.

Nearly one in five school children in **India** use some form of tobacco, according to a survey conducted by the World Health Organization. The figures are part of the second-ever Global Youth Tobacco Survey, carried out in 140 countries.

The Indian report, released by Health Minister Anbumani Ramadoss, polled 12,000 students and 3,000 school staff in the first half of 2006. It says nearly 17% of students aged 15 and under use some form of tobacco, most of them cigarettes. Significantly, there is no difference in consumption levels among girls and boys, except in central India.

What has alarmed administrators is that more than a third of school personnel, including teaching staff, use tobacco. Despite a countrywide ban, sale of tobacco and tobacco products to minors have shown no decline over the past three years.

Tobacco and Skin Cancer

We all know that ultraviolet sun exposure is the most serious risk factor involved in the development of different types of skin cancer. However, the link between smoking and skin tumors, although well established, is less obvious to the general public. Previously held research clearly showed that smoking cigarettes could induce an additional risk of contracting squamous cell carcinoma - a dangerous type of skin cancer, typically observed in elderly people.

Your Role in The Big Tobacco Business

It is important to commit to preventing the sale of tobacco to minors. Tobacco is big business in the world, and combating its devastating effects on our population takes a determined effort by you. Tobacco vendors are the portal to tobacco access—and believe it or not, your commitment to refuse the sale of tobacco to minors can save lives. Think about it. Know and understand the devastation of tobacco on minors, and decide to become an advocate for tobacco-free kids. It's not just the right thing to do—it's the law.

My Cigarette—My Friend

How do you feel about a friend who has to go everywhere with you? Not only does he tag along all the time, but since he is so offensive and vulgar, you become unwelcome when with him. He has a peculiar odor that sticks to you wherever you go. Others think both of you stink.

Your friend doesn't like your choice of clothing either. Instead of politely telling you that you have lousy taste, he burns little holes in these items so you will want to throw them out. Sometimes, he tires of the furniture and gets rid of it too. Occasionally, he gets really nasty and decides the whole house must go.

He gets pretty expensive to support. Not only is his knack of property destruction costly, but you must pay to keep him with you. In fact, he will cost you thousands of dollars over your lifetime. And you can count on one thing; he will never pay you a penny in return.

Your friend does not believe in being healthy. He is really repulsed by the thought of you living a long and productive life. So every chance he gets he makes you sick.

But colds and flu are just his form of child's play. He especially likes diseases that slowly cripple you - like emphysema. He considers this disease great. Once he gets you to have this, you will give up all your other friends, family, career goals, activities - everything. You will just sit home and caress him, telling him what a great friend he is while you desperately gasp for air.

Eventually your friend tires of you. Instead of letting you go your separate ways, he decides to kill you. He has a wonderful arsenal of weapons behind him. In fact, he has been plotting your death since the day he met you.

~By Joel Spitzer

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