



Get Your Store Ready

for FDA Enforcement Checks

Requirements and Responsibilities of Retailers

Denying tobacco sales to minors isn't enough to meet the requirements of the new law and FDA regulations.

**Get store employees trained!
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- Do not sell cigarettes or smokeless tobacco to anyone younger than 18 years old.**
- Check proof of age for anyone under 27 years old by verifying that any person buying cigarettes or smokeless tobacco is at least 18 years old** by means of photographic identification (photo ID) containing the bearer's date of birth.



- Sell cigarettes or smokeless tobacco only in a direct face-to-face exchange between you and your customer. Vending machines and self-service displays are prohibited except in places where nobody under 18 is allowed to enter.
- Do not sell single cigarettes (“loosies”) or break open packs of 20 cigarettes to sell them in quantities of less than 20 cigarettes OR sell any quantity of smokeless tobacco that is smaller than the smallest package distributed by the manufacturer for individual consumer use.

**Minimum age for tobacco customers is 18 years old (or 19 years old in AL, AK, NJ & UT or where local laws may be higher than 18 years old).

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Sources of Information: www.fda.gov, The Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act – Public Law 111-31.

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