

# TIPS FOR TOBACCO RETAILERS

## PREVENTING ILLEGAL UNDERAGE SALES OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

- **No tobacco products or paraphernalia may be sold to anyone under age 21.** As of December 20, 2019, the federal age of sale for tobacco products is 21 with no exemption for military personnel.



California ID, 21 or over

- Train store clerks to **ask for ID every time** and check birthdates carefully.
- Federal law states that retailers **MUST** check ID for tobacco product purchasers who appear to be younger than 27 years old.
- **Accept only valid government-issued photo ID's** (driver's license, state ID, passport, military ID).

## TOBACCO RETAILERS MUST BE LICENSED IN CALIFORNIA

- Businesses in California that sell cigarettes and other tobacco products, including electronic smoking devices, must have a California Cigarette and Tobacco Products Retailer License.
- Display your tobacco retailer licence so your customers can see it.

## DISPLAY STAKE ACT AGE OF SALE WARNING SIGNS AT EACH REGISTER

The Sale of Tobacco Products to Persons **Under 21** Years of Age Is Prohibited by Law and Subject to Penalties

To Report an Unlawful Tobacco Sale Call  
**1-800-5 ASK-4-ID**

U.S. Armed Forces active duty personnel with military ID must be at least 18 years of age  
**Valid Identification May Be Required**

This sign must be readable by the consumer and must not be altered, covered or obliterated in whole or in part

Business and Professions Code Section 22962

Post the required STAKE Act age-of-warning signs at each cash register.



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# COMPLYING WITH TOBACCO SALES LAWS

## FOLLOW TOBACCO DISPLAY AND SALES LAWS

- **No self-service display** of tobacco products or paraphernalia. (Some exceptions for tobacco only stores.)
- No sales of single cigarettes or cigarette packs with less than 20 cigarettes.

## WHAT IS A TOBACCO PRODUCT UNDER THE LAW?

### A TOBACCO PRODUCT IS:

- any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco or nicotine that is intended for human consumption;
- any electronic smoking device (whether or not it contains nicotine);
- any component, part, or accessory of a tobacco product, whether or not sold separately.
- For example, atomizers, vaping tanks or mods, and e-liquids are tobacco products.

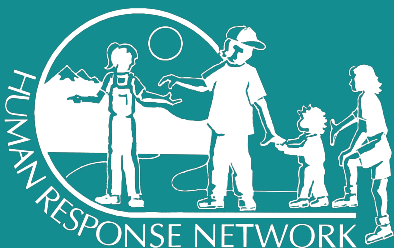


### TOBACCO PARAPHERNALIA INCLUDES:

cigarette papers or wrappers, pipes, cigarette rolling machines, and other instruments or products designed for the smoking or ingestion of tobacco products.

For example, atomizers, vaping tanks or mods, and e-liquids are also tobacco paraphernalia.

This is only a brief summary of some of the tobacco sales laws. For additional information visit  
TheCalifornia Department of Tax and Fee Administration  
<https://www.cdtfa.ca.gov/industry/cigarette-and-tobacco-products.htm/>



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