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The Responsible Connecticut Retailer Newsletter

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Have Your Voice Heard and Make an Impact

The Tobacco Merchant & Community Education Steering Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. on Zoom. This is an opportunity for retailers, state agencies, and prevention professionals to talk about ongoing compliance with new or existing tobacco and e-cigarette laws in Connecticut. Here is the meeting link: **https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89168904001**

New Legislation - Effective July 1, 2025

On July 1, 2025, 3 new pieces of legislation went into effect that impact the sale of tobacco products and e-cigarettes/vapes. The full changes can be read here: **Sec. 421. Section 53-344b**.

Check All Customer's Photo IDs

Retailers must ask for and check the photo ID of **EVERY** customer who buys tobacco products or e-cigarettes/vapes, regardless of age.

Fines for Underage Sales

Retailers will pay a maximum fine of $1,000.00 for selling e-cigarettes/vapes to customers under 21 years old

Penalty for Underage Sales

The Department of Consumer Protection is authorized to revoke a

retailer's e-cigarette registration after violating age verification laws.

Fun in the Sun? Here's what you need to know

As we take to the outdoors to enjoy this warm weather, it is important to check where smoking and vaping is prohibited.

As per the **Clean Indoor Air Act**, smoking and vaping is prohibited inside any public building. Individuals must be at least 25 feet from the building's entrance, air intake vents, or operational windows. These restrictions also apply to cannabis products.

When smoking or vaping outdoors, it is courteous to stay away from other people who are not smoking or vaping. State beaches and parks also prohibit smoking and vaping to limit the public's exposure to secondhand smoke and aerosol, and to reduce fire hazards. If a park or beach is owned by a municipality, it is up to each town to determine if smoking and vaping are prohibited. Individuals should check the rules for wherever they are going to see if smoking and vaping is allowed.

Take the Free Online Training Today!

Just a reminder that there is a **free online training** called *Tobacco and Electronic Cigarette Sales: Do the Right Thing.* The training gives store owners, managers, clerks, and the general public **key information about Connecticut's laws around buying and selling cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and other tobacco products.** You can take the training HERE.

Do You Have a New Employee on Staff? Download and Print Our Helpful Tip Sheets Today!

The Tobacco Merchant & Community Education Steering Committee has developed Retailer Tip Sheets in English and Spanish to help clerks, cashiers, and other staff sell tobacco and e-cigarette products responsibly. Click HERE to view, download, and print tips sheets on checking customer IDs; dealing with angry customers; knowing your tobacco products; and knowing your e-cigarette products.

Free Resources for Retailers

The Tobacco Merchant and Community Education (TMCE) Steering Committee develops materials to help retailers comply with Connecticut's tobacco and e-cigarette laws and to let customers know that they must be 21 years old or older to buy tobacco products and e-cigarettes. Materials include State Notice of Law Signs, which retailers are required to post in their stores at the point of sale; postcards, door decals, and cash register/counter stickers, which tell customers to have their IDs ready; and promotional items, including WE ID face masks, WE ID buttons, and pens. All items are pictured below. To order, please contact Connecticut Clearinghouse at 800-232-4424 or info@ctclearinghouse.org.

FDA Tools and Resources

FDA's Digital Age Verification Calendar

The FDA's free digital age verification calendar helps retailers quickly determine if a customer is old enough to legally purchase tobacco and e-cigarette/vape products. The calendar can be programmed to display the exact date a customer must have been born on or before to legally buy tobacco and e-cigarette/vape products. Under Connecticut, the customer must be 21 or older to buy these products. Click **HERE** to order your free digital age verification calendar.

Free FDA Trainings

The U.S. Food & Drug Administration's (FDA) Center for Tobacco Products offers a series of webinars on federal tobacco regulations to provide compliance education and information to retailers. For the latest webinars, visit their website: **FDA Tobacco Compliance Webinars | FDA.**

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