Violation Reminders

FDA Violations

- No Tobacco Sale Order (NTSO) - After five or more violations within a three-year period - cannot sell tobacco products for 30 days.
- Second NTSO penalty - cannot sell tobacco products for six months.
- Third NTSO penalty - cannot sell tobacco products indefinitely.

FDA Civil Money Penalties

Number of	Civil Money
1	Warning Letter
2 within a 12 month period	$250
3 within a 24 month period	$500
4 within a 24 month period	$2,000
5 within a three year period	$5,000
6 or more within a four year period	$11,000

City of Columbia Violations

In addition to FDA regulations the Columbia Police Department enforces the city ordinance. If found in violation of the City of Columbia ordinance, retailers can face the following penalties:

- $100 fine for the first violation within a two-year period.
- $250 fine for the second violation within a two-year period.
- $500 for the third violation within a two-year period.
- $1000 fine for any additional violation within a two-year period.

For more information go to:

- www.gocolumbiamo.com/health/education

For questions about enforcement:

- Call Columbia Police Department (Non-Emergency): (573) 442-6131

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Selling Tobacco Products in Columbia, MO

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City Tobacco Ordinance

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell tobacco products or tobacco product paraphernalia, alternative nicotine products or vapor products to a minor, any person under the age of 21 years.

Retailers outside of the city limits may not sell tobacco products, tobacco paraphernalia, or vapor products to anyone under the age of 18.

- Cigarettes
- Cigars
- Pipe tobacco
- Chewing/dipping tobacco
- Snuff
- Cigarette wrapping papers
- Pipes
- Vapor products (electronic cigarettes/cigars/ cigarillos/pipes, or any other similar products)
- Vapor cartridges or liquid nicotine containers

How You Can Help

Managers:

- Post required signs stating that all tobacco sales are illegal for those under 21 (or 18 outside of the city limits). No exceptions.
- Ask for IDs.
- Handle unruly and underage customers and tell employees how to manage them when you are not at the store.
- Stock all tobacco products in areas only available to employees, such as locked cabinets.
- Review tobacco laws and ordinances with employees every six months.

It is in violation of the law for tobacco products, tobacco product paraphernalia, alternative nicotine products or vapor products to be sold to any person under the age of 21.

Employees:

- Know the law - do not sell any tobacco products to anyone under 21 (18 outside of city limits).
- Ask for ID.
- Make sure the ID is legitimate.
- Picture matches the person using the ID. Watch for poor quality photos.
- There are no bumps or splits in the lamination.
- There are no eraser marks, the words line up straight, the font is all the same, the surface is not damaged, the date of birth is not tampered with, and the signature has not been altered.
- If ID seems suspicious, ask for another form of ID or refuse the sale.
- When dealing with unruly and underage customers, stay calm and remind customers of the law.
- Don't fall for excuses ("I'm buying them for my parents").
- Teamwork! Make sure your fellow employees are asking for ID and step in if they forget.

You have the ability to eliminate underage tobacco sales!