

Helpful links:

Tobacco Free Kids:

www.tobaccofreekids.org/

**Montgomery County
Department of Liquor Control:**

[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/lretmpl.
asp?url=/content/DLC/liquor/LRE/tobacco.asp](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/lretmpl.asp?url=/content/DLC/liquor/LRE/tobacco.asp)

Maryland State Attorney General:

www.oag.state.md.us/Tobacco

Department of Assessments and Taxation:

<http://www.dat.state.md.us>

We Card Organization:

www.wecard.org



**Let us be a resource
to you!**

**If you have any tobacco related issues,
questions or to setup a free training
please contact us.**

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Division of Licensure, Regulation
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Responsible Tobacco Retailing Guide



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Tobacco Enforcement

Did you know?...

- ☞ The average age of a first time smoker is 14.
- ☞ Smoking a pack of cigarettes a day costs about \$1,500 a year.
- ☞ Approximately 440,000 Americans die each year from tobacco related illnesses, 53,000 die of second hand smoke.
- ☞ 80% of Americans who die of tobacco related disease began smoking before the age of 18.
- ☞ Smokers as young as 18 years old have shown evidence of developing heart disease.

What are tobacco products?

Tobacco products include cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, snuff or any product containing tobacco.

It's the law!

State and Montgomery County law...

- ★ Prohibit tobacco retailers from selling any tobacco product to any one under 18 years old; verified by a valid ID.
- ★ Prohibit having self-service tobacco products; require all tobacco products be placed behind the counter; not accessible by reach.
- ★ Require a valid cigarette license visibly posted on the premise.

Dos and don'ts in tobacco retailing...

Do... Do ask for a valid ID during each tobacco transaction before placing product on the counter.

Do ask for a second ID if in doubt.

Do consider an ID scanner, age verifier register or use ID books and calendars at the register.

Do talk to all employees about tobacco laws, policies and consequences.

Do train staff on ID reading.

Do consider internal monitoring.

Do post anti-under 18 tobacco signage at point of sale and on doors.

Don't... Don't try to guess a purchaser's age.

Don't assume staff can read IDs.

Don't place tobacco in a self-service area.

Don't accept a purchaser's word that they are 18 or older.

Don't allow an employee under 18 to conduct unsupervised tobacco transactions.

Don't multitask while conducting tobacco transactions.

5 Valid forms of ID include:

- ✓ State Issued Identification Card
- ✓ Drivers License
- ✓ Military ID
- ✓ Resident Alien Card
- ✓ US Passport

Enforcement

Tobacco retailers may be inspected in 30 to 90 day intervals. If a violation is found, fines can be given to the tobacco licensee, employee, and anyone who participated in the violation.

First Offense,
Up to \$500

Second Offense,
Up to \$750

Third Offense,
Up to \$750 and possible 5 to 180 day suspension of license

Forth Offense,
Up to \$750 and possible revocation of license