Highlights of Tobacco and Vaping Laws: How Youth are Protected



Ask anyone who looks under 25 for ID

The following section lists how youth are protected from the sale of tobacco and vaping products and accessories: It's illegal to give, sell or provide in any way, or offer to sell a tobacco or vaping products to anyone under 18.

- It's illegal to give, sell, or provide in any way, or offer to sell a tobacco or vaping product to someone who looks younger than 25 unless the employee has asked for an approved form of ID that confirms the person is at least 18 years old.
- Tobacco and vaping products may not be furnished to a minor in a public place.

Tobacco and vaping products and promotional items can't be displayed in a retail outlet where a minor would have access to them.

- If minors can enter the store, tobacco and vaping displays must be hidden from view.
- In an age-restricted establishment, tobacco and vaping products may be displayed as long as they can't be seen from outside.
- All tobacco and vaping retailers must prevent minors from seeing and accessing their tobacco and vaping products and promotional items. There are no exceptions.

Retailers that sell tobacco and vaping products must display signs that state it is against the law to sell tobacco and vaping products to minors. The manager must ensure that signs stating that it's illegal to sell tobacco products to minors are posted and are always displayed.

Tobacco and vaping products can't be sold in health facilities, public post-secondary institutions, pharmacies and retail stores where pharmacies are located, at any temporary, or mobile locations, or from a vending machine.

It's illegal to sell cigarettes, little cigars, and/or blunt wraps in packages of less than 20.

It's illegal to sell cigarettes, little cigars, and/or blunt wraps with additives that have flavouring properties or are used to enhance flavouring ,including menthol.

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