

Important facts

Penalties for violations.

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- Tobacco retailers are required to obtain a tobacco license.
- Licensed vendors shall enforce the prohibition of sales of tobacco products, nicotine/e-Liquids, and e-Liquid vaporizer devices to minors.
- Licensee who fails to renew his or her license shall be required to discontinue the sale of tobacco products, nicotine/e-Liquids, and e-Liquid vaporizer devices.
- It shall be a violation for any person to sell or distribute tobacco products, nicotine/e-Liquids, and e-Liquid vaporizer devices to minors.
- Buyers who appear to be under 27 years of age must be required to show a valid, official photographic ID. (See **Employees Need to Know** handout for additional details.)
- The sale through vending machines and self-serve displays are allowed in adult-only facilities where no one younger than 18 is permitted to enter.

Penalties for Selling Tobacco Products, Nicotine/e-Liquids, and e-Liquid vaporizer devices Without a License:

Selling tobacco products, nicotine/e-Liquids, and e-Liquid vaporizer devices without a license is a Class B felony and may result in 3 ½ to seven years behind bars and a fine of up to \$2,000.

Penalties for Selling or Distributing Tobacco Products, Nicotine/e-Liquids, and e-Liquid vaporizer devices to Minors:

Seller: a violation for the first offense, misdemeanor for each subsequent offense. Fines could reach up to \$1200.

Business: First offense is \$250 with a minimum of \$500.00 for a second offense. Continued violations could reach fines of up to \$3000 and suspension or revocation of the tobacco license.

There are additional penalties under federal laws that may apply.