

Providing or Selling Tobacco Products to Minors

No retailer, wholesaler, manufacturer, distributor or producer of cigarettes or other tobacco products may give, sell or distribute cigarettes or other tobacco products to any person under the age of 18. O.R.C. 2151.87.

Electronic Cigarettes (E-cigarettes)

E-cigarettes don't fill the lungs with harmful smoke, but that doesn't make them a healthy alternative to regular cigarettes. When an e-cigarette is used (vaped) the user places the nicotine into his/her system, which is then absorbed through the lungs. Nicotine is an addictive and toxic drug.

Nicotine affects the brain, nervous system and heart. It raises blood pressure and heart rate. The larger the dose of nicotine, the more a person's blood pressure and heart rate increase. This can cause an abnormal heart rate (arrhythmia). In rare cases, especially when large doses of nicotine are involved, arrhythmias can cause heart failure and death.

With continued use the body starts to crave nicotine. Over time, nicotine use can lead to serious medical problems, including heart disease, blood clots and stomach ulcers.

Use of e-cigarettes increased among middle and high school students from 2011 to 2015 including:³

- About five of every 100 middle school students (5.3%) reported in 2015, they used e-cigarettes in the past 30 days, an increase from 0.6% in 2011.
- 16 of every 100 high school students (16.0%) reported in 2015, they used e-cigarettes in the past 30 days, an increase from 1.5% in 2011.

1. cdc.gov/tobacco/data_statistics/fact_sheets/health_effects/tobacco_related_mortality
2. cdc.gov/tobacco/data_statistics/fact_sheets/youth_data/tobacco_use/index.htm
3. publichealthlawcenter.org/resources/e-cigarette-regulations-ohio



important numbers

EMERGENCY: 9-1-1

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Possession or Use of Tobacco by a Minor

The state law under Ohio Revised Code section 2151.87 states:

No person under the age of 18 years old may possess, use or consume cigarettes or other tobacco products or papers used to roll cigarettes unless accompanied by a parent, spouse who is 18 years of age or older or a legal guardian. The section also prohibits the purchase or attempt to purchase, order, pay for or share the cost of cigarettes, other tobacco products or papers used to roll cigarettes.

If a juvenile violates this law, the court may do either or both of the following:

- Require the juvenile to attend a youth smoking education program or other smoking treatment program approved by the court.
- Impose a fine of not more than one hundred dollars.

If a juvenile fails to comply with the court order the court can do the following:

- Require the child to perform not more than 20 hours of community service.
- Suspend a juvenile's driver license for a period of 30 days.

False Identification to Obtain Tobacco by a Minor

No child shall knowingly furnish false information concerning the child's name, age or other identification for the purpose of obtaining cigarettes, other tobacco products or papers used to roll cigarettes. O.R.C. 2151.87.

Tobacco Facts

Cigarette smoking during childhood and adolescence can result in significant health problems including:¹

- Overall mortality among both male and female smokers in the United States is about three times higher than among similar people who never smoked.
- The major causes of excess mortality among smokers are diseases related to smoking, including cancer, and respiratory and vascular diseases.
- Smokeless tobacco is a known cause of cancer. Additionally, the nicotine in smokeless tobacco may increase the risk for sudden death from a condition that causes the heart to not beat properly (ventricular arrhythmias).

Tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of death in the United States.

Cigarettes and Death

Cigarette smoking causes about one of every five deaths in the United States each year and it is estimated to cause the following (including deaths from secondhand smoke):¹

- More than 480,000 deaths annually
- 278,544 deaths annually among men
- 201,773 deaths annually among women

Cigarette smoking causes premature death:¹

- Life expectancy for smokers is at least 10 years shorter than for nonsmokers.
- Quitting smoking before the age of 40 reduces the risk of dying from smoking-related disease by about 90%.

Adolescent Smoking Statistics

Preventing tobacco use among youth is critical to ending the tobacco epidemic in the United States.

Tobacco use is started and established primarily during adolescence:²

- Nearly 90% of cigarette smokers first tried smoking by age 18, and 99% first tried smoking by age 26.
- Each day in the United States, more than 3,200 youth aged 18 years or younger smoke their first cigarette, and an additional 2,100 youth and young adults become daily cigarette smokers.
- Youth who use multiple tobacco products are at higher risk for developing nicotine dependence and may be more likely to continue using tobacco into adulthood.

