Any Government issued photo ID that displays a photo, the date of birth and signature

E.G., PASSPORT, DRIVER’S LICENSE, BCID, BC SERVICES CARD

School-issued ID, Transit Pass, employee ID, Social Insurance Card, photocopy or digital image of ID

What to do when asking/checking Identification (ID):

1. Make sure the person presenting the ID matches the photo on the ID.

2. Check to see if there is writing below the person’s signature. If present, it indicates the person is under 19 until the shown date.

3. Check hologram for birth year.

Acceptable ID's

Not Acceptable ID's

Get in Touch

For any questions, please contact the Tobacco & Vapour Products Enforcement Program at:

604-675-3800
All retailers must ensure that tobacco and vapour products are NOT visible to minors and are only accessible by the retailer.

Where minors are allowed in a store, then tobacco and vapour products and promotional items CANNOT be visible and must be hidden from view between every sales transaction and while re-stocking.

If minors are not allowed in a store, then tobacco and vapour products can be displayed provided these items cannot be clearly seen from outside.

If you choose to voluntarily age-restrict your store you must post a sign indicating age restriction at all entrances. Doors must be kept closed and product cannot be visible from outside the store.

Advertising Restrictions

× Retailers are restricted to posting a maximum of 3 signs within the store.
× Signs must be white with black lettering only, not more than 5cm high.
× Signs must NOT be bigger than 968cm².

It is illegal to...

× Sell tobacco from open packages, single cigarettes and packs containing less than 20 cigarettes.
× Smoke or vape within 6 metres of a doorway, window or building air intake. Some municipalities have greater distance restrictions. Retailers must ensure people do not smoke or vape within the restricted area outside their store.

Important Information

It is the responsibility of all BC retailers to ensure their staff are trained to sell tobacco and vapour products in compliance with the law.

Tobacco Enforcement Officers enforce the provincial Tobacco & Vapour Products Control Act (TVPCA) and Regulation (TVPCR). They conduct routine inspections, provide education and monitor compliance including unannounced checks using minor test shoppers to ensure tobacco and vapour products are not being sold to minors.

Required Decals

- YELLOW DECAL FOR RETAILERS SELLING BOTH TOBACCO AND VAPOUR PRODUCTS
- ORANGE DECAL FOR RETAILERS SELLING ONLY TOBACCO PRODUCTS
- BLUE DECAL FOR RETAILERS SELLING ONLY VAPOUR PRODUCTS

Refer to the back of each decal for proper placement.