

MARYLAND AND FEDERAL TOBACCO SALES LAWS

LEGAL RESTRICTIONS OF SELLING TOBACCO TO KIDS	MARYLAND LAW	FEDERAL LAW
Tobacco products may ONLY be sold to individuals age 18 or older.	✓	
Cigarettes and smokeless tobacco may ONLY be sold to individuals age 18 or older.	✓	✓
Electronic nicotine devices may ONLY be sold to individuals age 18 or older.	✓	
Retailer MUST Check ID of everyone under age 27 who attempts to purchase cigarettes or smokeless tobacco.		✓
Cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products may ONLY be sold in face-to-face transactions.*		✓
Prohibits the sale of tobacco products in vending machines unless the vending machine is located in an adult-only establishment.	✓	✓
Cigarettes may ONLY be sold in packages of at least 20.	✓	✓
Prohibits breaking or opening packages of smokeless tobacco to sell in any quantity smaller than the smallest package distributed by the manufacturer for individual use.		✓
Prohibits the sale of clove cigarettes.	✓	
Prohibits the sale of flavored cigarettes (excluding menthol).		✓
Prohibits tobacco companies from sponsoring any athletic or entertainment event using an identifiable logo.		✓
Prohibits minors from possessing any tobacco product or cigarette rolling papers.	✓	
Prohibits minors from using a fake ID to obtain tobacco products or cigarette rolling papers.	✓	
Prohibits selling or shipping cigarettes, ordered through the mail or over the internet, directly to a consumer.	✓	
Prohibits free samples of cigarettes.		✓
Prohibits free samples of smokeless tobacco except in a "qualified adult-only facility".		✓
Prohibits free giveaway of gifts and items with the purchase of cigarettes or smokeless tobacco or by the redemption of coupons or points earned through purchasing cigarettes or smokeless tobacco.		✓

See the federal, state, and local laws overview in the Maryland Tobacco Retailer Guide.

Additional laws on the other side.



*While there is no state requirement, nearly half of Maryland jurisdictions have local laws that require face-to-face transactions for the sale of all tobacco products.

