

Ingham County Youth Electronic Smoking Device Compliance Check Statistics

2017 Report

The human brain is not fully developed until the age of 26; this causes youth to be more susceptible to addictive substances like nicotine. Because of this, it is imperative to limit youth access to electronic smoking devices, especially for minors under the age of 18. The Ingham County Board of Commissioners passed the Ingham County Electronic Smoking Devices Licensing Regulation in November of 2015 in an effort to prevent youth access to electronic smoking devices and their components. Stakeholder meetings were held to accommodate the new vendors' concerns and opinions. On January 1, 2016 the Electronic Smoking Device Regulation went into effect, which required all vendors in Ingham County that sell electronic smoking devices and their components to obtain a license if they wish to continue selling these products. If the vendor has a current license through the existing Tobacco Regulation, they are not required to get an additional license, however, they must indicate on their license application that they sell both products and proceed to age restrict both products.

The purpose of the Electronic Smoking Device Licensing Regulation is to protect public health by:

- Reducing youth access by adopting an age restriction for the sale of electronic smoking devices or similar products.
- Maintaining compliance and licensing records of businesses that sell electronic smoking devices or similar products.
- Providing information, education, and support to clerks, store owners and managers to ensure that policies and practices are in places that prevent youth from accessing electronic smoking devices or similar products.

Each business will be inspected at least once a year to ensure the business follows best practices, preventing youth from accessing electronic smoking devices within Ingham County. In 2017, approximately 95% of Electronic Smoking Device Vendors implemented preventative measures to ensure youth do not have access to electronic smoking device products and refused the sale. The goal for Ingham County is to have zero sales to minors.

Sales Rate to Minors: 0%
(79 first visits and 0 sales to a minor)

Total Number of Illegal Sales to Minors: 0
Total Number of Checks Conducted: 79