



# SMOKING/VAPING LAWS HAVE CHANGED!!!

## Are you informed?

Public Act 19-13 raises the age to 21! Full text at <http://tinyurl.com/tob21ct>

As of October 1, 2019, it is **ILLEGAL** in CT to sell, distribute, or purchase **ANY** nicotine-related products including cigarettes, vape devices and accessories to **ANYONE UNDER 21**.

### What does this mean for vendors?

- Requires dealers & distributors to update signage and location of vending machines.
- Dealers who ship directly to consumers must obtain a signature. Signer must show proof of age 21+.
- Increases the annual license & registration fees.
- Increases penalties for cigarette, tobacco product, and e-cigarette sales to individuals under 21.
- Requires DMHAS to conduct unannounced compliance checks.

#### Penalties on Dealers & Distributors:

Violations	Under the Bill
1 <sup>st</sup> Violation	\$300, IF they fail to complete an online tobacco education program within 30 days.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Violation	\$750
3 <sup>rd</sup> Violation	\$1000
4 <sup>th</sup> Violation	\$1000 PLUS 30-day license suspension

#### Penalties on Employees of Dealers & Distributors:

Violations	Under the Bill
1 <sup>st</sup> Violation	\$200, IF they fail to complete an online tobacco education program within 30 days
2 <sup>nd</sup> Violation	\$250, IF it occurred within 24 months of the first violation

### What does this mean for me (buyer/consumer/parent)?

- Must be 21+ to purchase
- If buying e-cigarette or related products online, must be 21+ to sign and show proof of ID
- Illegal to misrepresent age in order to purchase
- Possession by minor is not an infraction
- Cannot vape or smoke on child care or school property (public & private)

### What does this mean for schools?

- Bans smoking on the grounds of child care facilities & schools

### School policies in the town of:

- **[insert penalties for 1<sup>st</sup> time or repeat offense...]**
- **[indicate when awareness education, screening program, or quitting support is offered]**
- **[referrals to JRB or local support groups...]**

### Quitting Information:

- For help quitting, contact local hospitals for smoking cessation programs.
- Apps-useful apps include: SMOKEFREE TXT, BECOMEANEX or text "DITCHJUUL" to 88709