

TOBACCO RETAILER 2025



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Welcome to Regional Public Health's Tobacco Retailer 2025 newsletter for retailers and shop-owners.

This newsletter will be published quarterly to give you up to date information and news.

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Single sales of cigarettes

It is being brought to our attention that more and more tobacco retailers are selling single cigarettes. It is an offence to sell loose cigarettes in amounts of fewer than 20 cigarettes, or loose tobacco in amounts fewer than 30grams of loose tobacco.

You can be fined up to \$2000.

The price of a packet of cigarettes is high to help discourage smoking, if you sell single cigarettes or small amounts of loose tobacco to anyone, you are committing an offence.



Secure your tobacco from burglary

Police are urging businesses selling cigarettes and tobacco to store them in secure boxes, vaults bolted to the floor, or a safe, after a number of premises over the past year have had thousands of dollars' worth of tobacco products stolen.

Locked tobacco cabinets are forced open and the contents can be easily emptied into large rubbish bags and removed. It can take less than a minute to grab the tobacco and flee. While extra stock may be locked away in a store room, there is still a lot of tobacco locked in point-of-sale cabinets.

Latest CPO results

Region	Number of sales	Number of NO sales	Total number of visits
Wellington	2	12	14
Porirua	0	19	19
Kapiti	1	6	7
TOTAL	3	37	40

Which of these young people should you ask ID for when selling cigarettes?

It can be difficult to tell someone's age. Always ask for identification (ID) if a customer wanting to buy cigarettes looks under the age of 25 years.



Acknowledgement: Canterbury District Health Board

Answer: All of them!
They are all under the age of 18 years.

If you have any questions you can contact us at Regional Public Health on 04 570 9002 and ask to speak to a Smoke-free Enforcement Officer.