

# **PREVENTING YOUTH TOBACCO SALES**

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## **Employee Agreement**

**2023**

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Studies show that Massachusetts's youth under the age of 21 are able to purchase tobacco products in many retail stores, even though it is illegal to sell tobacco products to them. This employee agreement, which you must sign, will ensure that *this store does not sell tobacco to minors.*

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I understand Massachusetts's law and the Mattapoisett Board of Health Tobacco Control Regulation affecting "Youth Access to Tobacco Products" prohibits the sale of tobacco products to youth under 21 years of age. I understand that my failure to follow store policy, state law and local regulations could result in discipline, including loss of my job or a fine of one thousand (\$1000.00), two thousand (\$2000.00), or three thousand (\$3000.00) dollars and that my employer could lose their permit to sell tobacco products in the case of multiple violations.

- ♦ I will not sell any tobacco products to anyone under the age of 21.
- ♦ If the person appears to be under the age of 27, I will ask for ID. I can only accept a valid government-issued photo I.D. (like a driver's license, passport, military I.D. or Liquor I.D.). If there is any doubt about the person's age, I will not make the sale.
- ♦ I will not accept a note from an adult giving permission to a person under the age of 21 to buy tobacco products for them.

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**In any of the above cases, management agrees to support my judgment in not making sales.**

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Employee's Name (Print)

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Employee's Signature

Date

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Store Manager's Signature

Date

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Establishment Name

Street Address

Zip

\* In accordance with the Mattapoisett Board of Health Tobacco Control Regulations, a copy of this agreement must be kept on file in the establishment permitted to sell tobacco products; it must be available for inspection by the Board of Health during normal business hours.