

Lincoln Lancaster County Tobacco Compliance Checks



Youth,
Law Enforcement
and
Health Department
working together to
reduce the sale of
tobacco products
to minors.

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What is a tobacco compliance check?

- A tobacco compliance check is the attempt of a minor (under 18 years of age) to purchase tobacco products from a tobacco vendor.

How old do you have to be to participate?

- Teenagers can participate who are between the ages of 14-17. You become ineligible when you turn 18 (legal age to purchase tobacco products).

Why do we do this?

- The objective of the tobacco compliance checks is to aid in reducing sales of tobacco products to minors.

Is what I am doing illegal?

- It is illegal for clerks to sell tobacco products to a minor. Nebraska law states that it is not illegal for minors to purchase tobacco products, but it is illegal for anyone under 18 to use tobacco products.

Do I need to bring my own car? Money?

- No. The check will be supervised at all times, by an adult. Also money will be provided to purchase tobacco products. You may bring personal money to purchase food or snacks while on the compliance check.

What if someone sells to me?

- The tobacco product will be turned over to law enforcement and a citation may be issued to the clerk.
- In the event a clerk challenges the citation, you may be asked to testify in a court of law.

How much time does a compliance check take?

- Compliance checks usually last 3-4 hours beginning with a short training, followed by attempts to purchase tobacco products at various businesses.

What if there is an emergency or I need to return home?

- Law enforcement is always available and can contact the health department or your family in the event of an emergency

If you are interested in participating in a tobacco compliance check please provide the following information:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone
Number _____

Email
address: _____

Age: _____

When will I turn 18: _____

For more details regarding this project please call the Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department at 402-441-6224

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