

FAQS

How old do you have to be to participate?

Young adults 16-18 can participate. You become ineligible when you turn 19.

How do we do this?

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

Is what I'm doing illegal?

- No. It is illegal for clerks to sell tobacco or vapor products to anyone under 19. Nebraska law does not prohibit minors from purchasing tobacco or vapor products, but it is illegal for anyone under 19 to use tobacco or vapor products.

Do I need to bring my own car or money?

- No. The check is supervised at all times by an adult. Money to attempt to purchase tobacco or vapor products is provided. You may bring your own money to purchase snacks/drinks while on the check.

What if someone sells to me?

- The tobacco or vapor 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 or vapor products at various local businesses.

Will I be paid to assist with the compliance checks?

- Assisting with compliance checks is not paid. However, your volunteer hours can be used for GoPo classes, senior service requirements, or other organizational volunteer requirements.

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