



Checklist for Tobacco Retailers

Use the following checklist to learn what inspectors look for and help avoid violations. See the links to local, state and federal laws related to tobacco sales on page 2.

<i>Provisions of Lone Tree local tobacco ordinance related to retail establishments:</i>	
	1. Definition of Tobacco Product: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Any product which contains, is made or derived from tobacco or synthetic tobacco or used to deliver nicotine or synthetic nicotine, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed or ingested by any other means, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, snuff, bidis, snus, nicotine product, mints, hand gels; and b. An Electronic Smoking Device, tobacco paraphernalia, and any component, part, accessory associated with the consumption of a tobacco product(s) such as filters, rolling papers, pipes and liquids used in electronic smoking devices whether or not said product contains nicotine.
	2. Tobacco Products shall not be sold to any person under twenty-one (21) years of age.
	3. Store clerks who sell tobacco products must be 18 years of age or older.
	4. In order to sell Tobacco Products in Lone Tree the entity/person must have a license to sell from the City of Lone Tree; the establishment must have a notice of their licensure prominently displayed on the premises in a publicly visible location.
	5. Clerks must ask to see ID for any tobacco product purchase to confirm that the recipient is at least twenty-one (21) years old (regardless of the appearance/age of the customer).
	6. Signage is required on the licensed premises indicating that Tobacco Products shall not be sold to any person under 21 years of age. The signage shall be prominently displayed at all entrances on the premises.
	7. Except at a location where persons under 21 are prohibited from entry, it is unlawful to sell Tobacco Products by means of a self-service display, such as a vending machine.
<i>Additional Colorado laws related to tobacco retail sales:</i>	
	8. It is illegal to sell individual cigarettes or any pack or container of cigarettes containing fewer than twenty cigarettes, or roll-your own tobacco in any package containing less than .60 ounces of tobacco.
	9. Every store that sells tobacco is ALSO required by State law to have "Warning" sign posted in a prominent place with a minimum height of three inches and a width of six inches. C.R.S. § 44-7-103. The sign should read as follows: <p style="text-align: center;"> WARNING IT IS ILLEGAL FOR ANY PERSON UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE TO PURCHASE CIGARETTES, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, OR NICOTINE PRODUCTS, AND, UPON CONVICTION, A \$100.00 FINE MAY BE IMPOSED. </p>
<i>Additional Federal laws related to tobacco retail sales:</i>	
	10. Cigarette vending machines are prohibited in any business that allows entry to those under 21.
	11. It is illegal to give away free samples of cigarettes or smokeless tobacco.
	12. It is illegal to sell or give away items such as hats, t-shirts, or lighters with tobacco brands or logos.
	13. It is illegal to sell flavored cigarettes (except menthol and tobacco flavors)

Links to Local, State and Federal laws

- [Lone Tree Municipal Code: Chapter 6-21-04 Tobacco Retailer Licensing](#)
- [Colorado Laws](#): related to tobacco sales, C.R.S. § 18-31-121; C.R.S. § 44-7-101 et. seq.
 - [Nicotine Product Regulation: HB20-1001](#)
- Federal Tobacco Laws:
 - [Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act- An Overview](#)
 - [Selling Tobacco Products in Retail Stores](#)