

Ingham County Youth Tobacco Compliance Check Statistics

2017 Report

The human brain is not fully developed until the age of 26, allowing youth to be more susceptible to addictive substances such as nicotine. It is therefore imperative to limit the ability of youth, under the age of 18, to have access to tobacco products since 1 cigarette can cause a lifelong addiction. In 1992 Tobacco Vendors were not licensed in Ingham County, and the Ingham County Board of Commissioners asked for a survey of sales rate to minors. They found that 74% of youth, were able to purchase tobacco from stores in our community. In response, the Tobacco Licensing Regulation went into effect on January 1 1993, which requires all facilities wanting to sell tobacco products to be licensed by the Ingham County Health Department. At that time, sales to minors were checked and the sales rate of tobacco products were reduced to 47%. From 1994 to present, 80% of tobacco vendors refused a sale to a minor. In 2017 approximately 91% of tobacco vendors implemented preventative measures to ensure that youth do not have access to tobacco products and refused the sale. The goal for Ingham County is to have zero sales to minors.

Sales Rate to Minors: 7.94%
(189 first visits and 15 sales to a minor)

Total Number of Illegal Sales to Minors: 15
Total Number of Checks Conducted: 204

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