

FRAMINGHAM COLLABORATIVE

TOBACCO CONTROL PROGRAM
FY2023-24

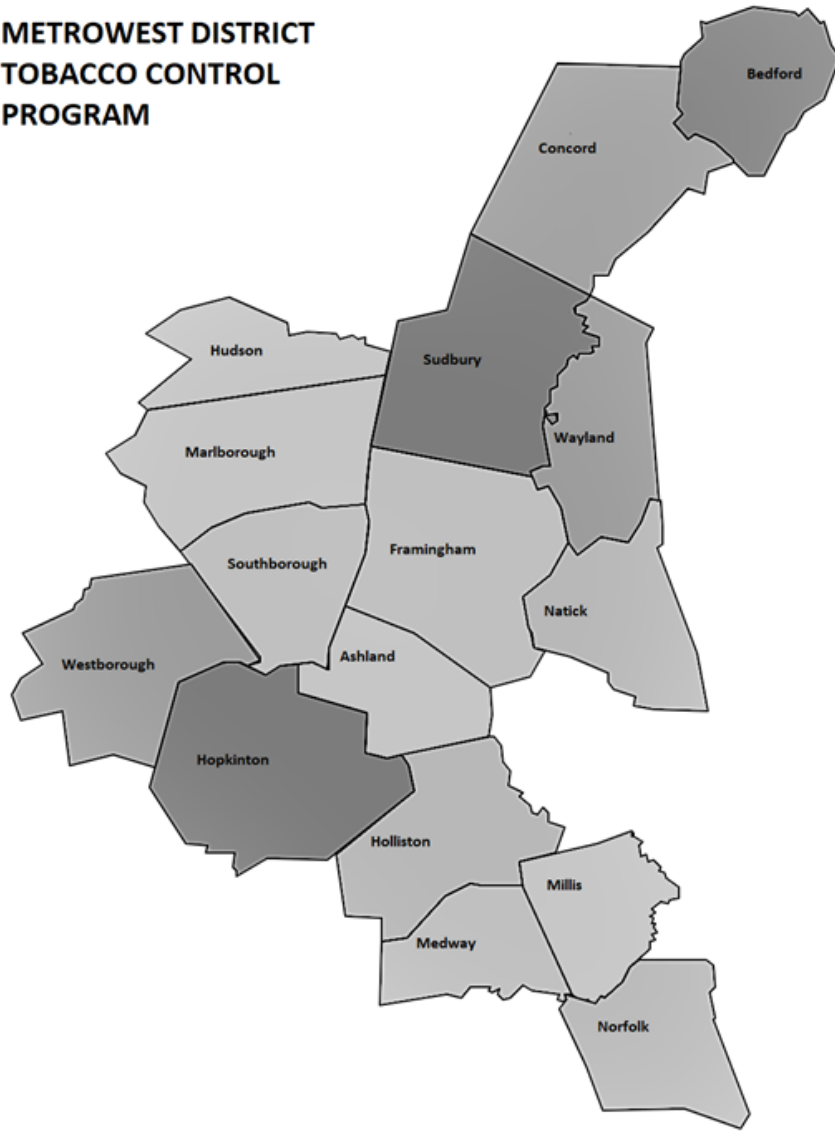
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MTCP GRANT 2023-2028

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**METROWEST DISTRICT
TOBACCO CONTROL
PROGRAM**



Town/City	Tobacco Permits
Ashland	16
Bedford	5
Concord	13
Framingham	55
Holliston	7
Hopkinton	7
Hudson	20
Marlborough	41
Medway	11
Millis	8
Natick	16
Norfolk	5
Southborough	9
Sudbury	7
Wayland	15
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TOBACCO INSPECTION & EDUCATION VISITS – ONCE A YEAR (AUGUST 2023 – JUNE 2024)

a. Inspection & Education visit – Once a year

i. Address verification

ii. DOR Permit

1. Sale of Cigarettes
2. Sale of Cigar and Smoking tobacco
3. Sale of Electronic Nicotine Delivery System (ENDS)

iii. BOH permit

iv. Signage – 6 signages

1. Adult only store
 - a. Doorbell, buzzer or locking mechanism
 - b. Any tobacco in self service area
 - c. Humidor lock

v. Tobacco products sold

1. Cigarettes
2. Cigars/Cigarillos
3. Smokeless tobacco products (Chewing tobacco, snuff, snus, pouches, gum, lozenges, gummies)
4. Vape products

TOBACCO INSPECTION & EDUCATION VISIT

i. Violations

1. Loose cigarettes sold
2. Flavored products or **enhancers** (including mint, menthol flavors) sold
3. Missing and incomplete manufacturers document certifying products are not flavored
4. Vape product with nicotine content over 35 mg/ml
5. Missing or incomplete manufacturer document displaying nicotine content of available vape products
6. Missing local BOH and DOR permits
7. Missing Signage
8. Advertising for products not sold in store
9. Tobacco products sold or in front of the counter
10. Noncompliance with local cigar packaging/pricing regulation

TOBACCO INSPECTION & EDUCATION VISIT

i. Topic discussed

1. Checked local BOH & DOR permits
2. Reviewed regulations/tobacco sales laws
3. Retailers' responsibilities
4. Compliance checks (Minor may look older)
5. Penalties
6. Trainings
7. Required signages and placements
 - a. No smoking sign in public restrooms
8. Smoke-free/vape free workplace law
9. Retailer kit/training materials

ii. Materials given

1. Copy of regulations
2. State signage
3. Retailer kit/training materials
4. No smoking
5. No sale under 21
6. Quit smoking
7. Cigar health warning
8. State law
9. E-Cigarette health warning
10. Flavor ban
11. Adult Only

BOH COMPLIANCE CHECK – ONCE A YEAR (APRIL-JUNE 2024)

- i. HRiA (7 months – Effective from Dec2023, Onboarded YI by end of March 2024)
 - 1. 2 Youth Inspector
 - 2. 2 Adult Inspector

Municipality	Inspection & Education Visit	BOH Compliance check
Ashland	Completed	Completed
Bedford	Completed	Completed
Concord	Completed	Completed
Framingham	Completed	In Progress
Holliston	Completed	Completed
Hopkinton	Completed	Completed
Hudson	Completed	Completed
Marlborough	Completed	Completed
Medway	Completed	Completed
Millis	Completed	In Progress
Natick	Completed	Completed
Norfolk	Completed	Completed
Southborough	Completed	Completed
Sudbury	Completed	Completed
Wayland	Completed	Completed
Westborough	Completed	Completed

BOH Tobacco Compliance checks FY2023-24

167 checks / 17 Sales (10%)

No.	Municipality	Retail	Date	Time	Product	Age	Sex
1	Ashland	Family Dollar	5/27/2024	1.43 PM	Marlboro Red	Adult	Female
2	Ashland	Mobil	5/30/2024	7.05 PM	Newport Nonmenthol	Adult	Male
3	Ashland	EZ Convenience	5/30/2024	7.30 PM	Newport Nonmenthol	Adult	Male
4	Bedford	Great Rd Gulf	4/9/2024	5.00 PM	Newport Red	Adult	Male
5	Concord	Nine Acre Farm	5/4/2024	11.40 AM	Zyn chill 3 mg	Teen or Young Adlt	Male
6	Hudson	Li'l Peach	4/20/2024	2.10 PM	Zyn chill 3 mg	Teen or Young Adlt	Male
7	Marlborough	Marlboro Market	6/16/2024	12.32 PM	Zyn Smooth 3mg	Older Adult	Male
8	Marlborough	Fresh Village	6/16/2024	4.05 PM	Newport Nonmenthol	Teen or Young Adlt	Male
9	Marlborough	Good Time Smoke Shop	6/16/2024	1.08 PM	Crave chill 3mg	Adult	Female
10	Natick	Total Wine	5/30/2024	2.35 PM	Punch Classic Cigar	Adult	Male
11	Natick	J Convenience	5/30/2024	3.10 PM	Marlboro Red	Teen or Young Adlt	Male
12	Sudbury	Stoneybrook Market	4/18/2024	1.45 PM	Crave clear 3%	Adult	Male
13	Sudbury	Mobil	4/18/2024	12.50 PM	Zyn chill 3 mg	Adult	Male
14	Westborough	Divine wine	4/24/2024	5.23 PM	Marlboro Red	Teen or Young Adlt	Male
15	Westborough	Liquor point	4/24/2024	7.00 PM	Zyn chill 3 mg	Teen or Young Adlt	Male
16	Framingham	Prime Liquor	6/20/2024		Newport Nonmenthol	Adult	Male
17	Framingham	Speedway	6/20/2024		Zyn Chill 3mg	Adult	Female

Synar Regulation

In January 1996, SAMHSA issued the Synar regulation to provide guidance to the states. The regulation and updates from Public Law 116-94 requires that states:

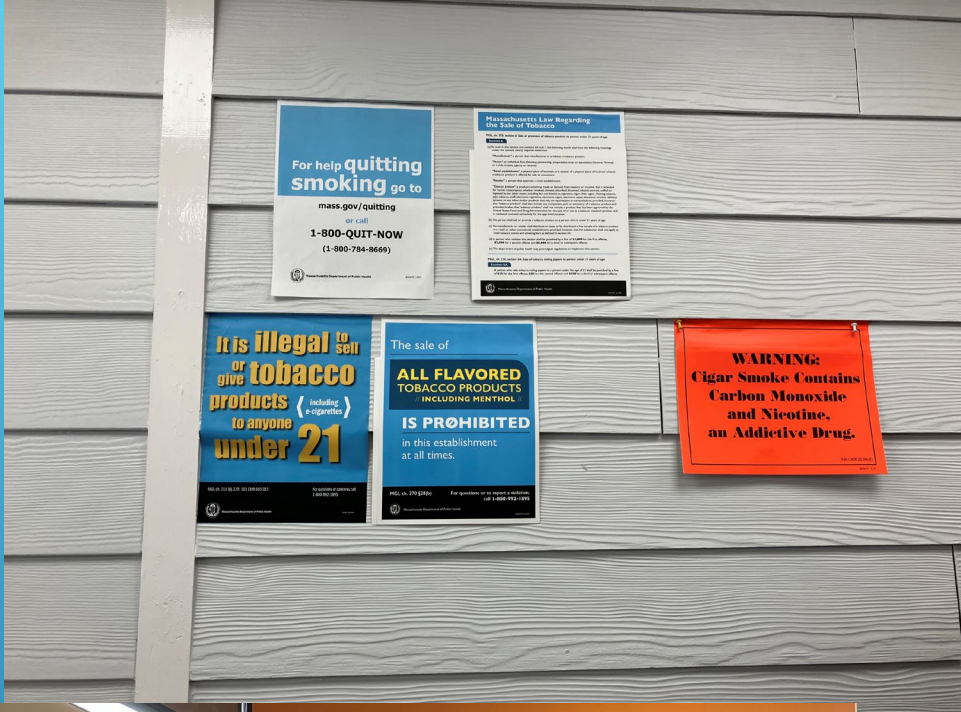
- Enforce underage access laws to a degree that reasonably can be expected to reduce the illegal sale of tobacco products to individuals under the age of 21.
- Conduct annual, unannounced inspections that provide a valid probability sample of tobacco sales outlets accessible to minors.
- Report their sampling methodology and results of the annual Synar survey as a part of the Annual Synar Report no later than December 31. This includes the State's sampling methodology, Synar survey results, Synar inspection report, and the Synar inspection protocol.
- Revise their methodology, inspection reports, and inspection protocols, to include the revised age requirements (under 21). In addition, the Synar survey results must now include results for sales to youth and young adults under the age of 21.
- Achieve a noncompliance rate of no more than 20% (SAMHSA requires that each state reduce its retailer violation rate to 20%).

COMMON FACTOR FOR SALE TO MINOR

1. Holidays (Patriots day, Fathers day, Juneteenth) & Weekend
 2. Teen or Young Adults Staff (Emotional?)
 3. Flavored Tobacco products
 4. New employees
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TOBACCO CONTROL ENFORCEMENT IMPLEMENTATION FY2023-24

1. Blunt Wraps (Fronto King/21+ Cigar leaf)
2. Flavored Hemp Wraps (80% removed from Collaborative)
3. Coupons / Discounts / Promotions / Loyalty & Rewards Program
4. Flavored Vape products including CBD, Delta 8, THC, HHC etc.,
5. Smoking Bar
6. Illegal Tobacco product sale (**Mangoes & Bananas**)
7. Smoking in Workplace



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COLLABORATIVE BOH REGULATION UPDATE

Municipality	Effect Date	Cigar Pricing	Permit Capping	UPDATE IN PROGRESS
Ashland	June 1 st 2020	✓	✓	
Bedford	June 1 st 2023	✓	✓	
Concord (NFG)	2024	✓	✓	YES
Framingham	June 1 st 2020	✓	✓	YES
Hopkinton	April 19 th 2023	✓	✓	
Holliston	Nov 1 st 2023	NO	✓	YES
Hudson	Nov 1 st 2023	✓	✓	
Marlborough	July 1 st 2023	✓	NO	YES
Medway	Jan 1 st 2023	✓	✓	
Millis	Nov 1 st 2015	✓	✓	
Natick	June 1 st 2020	✓	✓	YES
Norfolk	June 30 th 2020	✓	NO	YES
Southborough	Jan 1 st 2023	✓	✓	
Sudbury	Oct 8 th 2018	✓	✓	YES
Wayland	Jan 1 st 2015	✓	✓	
Westborough	Dec 30 th 2018	NO	NO	YES

BOH REGULATIONS UPDATE (SUGGESTIONS)

1. BOH permit – to include DOR permit details
2. BOH Regulations update (Suggestions)
 1. **Tobacco Flavor Enhancers** definition
 1. Flavored Hemp wraps / Flavored rolling paper / Flavored Hybrid Prerolls (THCO, HHC, CBD etc.,)
 2. **Permit capping** (Basic or Retiring cap)
 3. Minimum Cigar pricing
 4. **Nicotine Free Generation (NFG)** Policy (Brookline –Bylaw, Stoneham, Wakefield, Melrose, Winchester, Malden, Reading, Concord)
 5. **Vape Free Communities** (Bellingham, Blackstone, Canton, Norwood, Malden)
 6. **Lottery permit and or Food permit Variance Prohibition** in Adult only Tobacco Retail Store (AORTS)
 7. **Smoke Accessories Prohibition in Non Age Restricted Stores**

NICOTINE FREE GENERATION (NFG)

*D. No Tobacco Sales to Persons **Born on or after January 1, 2004:***

1. No person shall sell or provide a tobacco product to a person **born on or after January 1, 2004.**

Brookline –Bylaw

Stoneham

Wakefield

Melrose

Winchester

Malden

Reading

Concord

Effective Date : 1/1/2025

VAPE FREE COMMUNITIES

Prohibition of the Sale of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems: No person or entity shall sell or distribute electronic nicotine delivery systems as defined herein in Bellingham.

Bellingham,

Blackstone,

Canton,

Norwood,

Malden

VOTING

1. BOH shall decide on
 1. Flavored tobacco product &
 2. Tobacco Flavor enhancers

Town/City	Yes/No/Maybe
Ashland	
Bedford	
Concord	
Framingham	
Holliston	
Hopkinton	
Hudson	
Marlborough	
Medway	
Millis	
Natick	
Norfolk	
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VOTING

BOH shall agree for Nicotine Free Generation Policy

Town/City	Yes/No/Maybe
Ashland	
Bedford	
Concord	
Framingham	
Holliston	
Hopkinton	
Hudson	
Marlborough	
Medway	
Millis	
Natick	
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VOTING

BOH Shall agree with Vape Free Community Policy

Town/City	Yes/No/Maybe
Ashland	
Bedford	
Concord	
Framingham	
Holliston	
Hopkinton	
Hudson	
Marlborough	
Medway	
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IN COLLABORATION WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS – COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. Vape Awareness and prevention among Middle and High School students
 1. Framingham
 2. Natick 180
 3. Holliston
 2. Collaborate with existing Organizations
 3. Chapters in Public Schools
 1. The 84.org?
 4. Initiate new Program?
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SAFE VAPE DISPOSAL (SCHOOL & PUBLIC) – NATICK INITIATIVE

E – Cigarette (Hazardous) Waste --> EPA --> MDEP --> HHWCP --> CLEAN HARBOR --?



Source: www.publichealthlawcenter.org

FEEDBACK & SUGGESTION

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THANK YOU

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