



Mystic Valley Tobacco Prevention Program
Malden, Medford, Melrose, Reading, Stoneham, Wakefield, Winchester

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Re: Board of Health Tobacco Sales Regulation

Dear Tobacco Retailer:

The NFG (Nicotine Free Generation) policy changes the way we check ID's to make sure selling nicotine products to a purchaser is legal.

When training your employees it may be helpful to remind them that they won't be checking to see how old the purchaser is but instead will be checking to determine if the purchaser was **born before 2004**.

- . If the purchaser was born before 2004, you may sell them nicotine products.
- . If the purchaser was born in 2004 or later, you may not sell them nicotine products.

The key is the year: 2004. Born before 2004 it's legal to sell. Selling nicotine to anyone born on or after January 1, 2004 is prohibited.

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