

The minimum age for sale, purchase, or possession of tobacco products is **21 years old**, per Kansas law known as "Tobacco 21" or "T21." The law applies to all retail establishments and persons.

## NO NICOTINE PRODUCTS FOR

PRODUCTS FOR ANYONE UNDERAGE

## WHAT TOBACCO PRODUCTS ARE COVERED BY THE T21 LAW?

It is now illegal for a retailer to sell tobacco products, including vape products, to anyone under 21. It applies to all U.S. states, territories, and tribal jurisdictions.

## **FDA Violation and Penalties**

 The first time the FDA identifies a violation at a retail outlet, it generally issues a warning letter describing the violation.

The store has 15 days to respond to the warning letter explaining how they intend to correct the violation and their plan to prevent the same violation (s) in the future.

Stores have 30 days to respond to a complaint. They may request an extension, pay the penalty, or request a hearing.

ID 21

Retailers who have violated FDA regulations may incur a civil penalty up to the amount in the following table.

| NUMBER OF REGULATIONS      | CMP<br>AMOUNT |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| 1                          | \$0           |
| 2 within a 12-month period | \$345         |
| 3 within a 24-month period | \$687         |
| 4 within a 24-month period | \$2,757       |
| 5 within a 36-month period | \$6,892       |
| 6 within a 48-month period | \$13,785      |

## PROCESS AND PENALTIES

In Kansas, the store owner and the clerk can be cited for state tobacco law violations.

STORE OWNER

Citation is issued immediately with fine assigned.

Pay a fine

Appeal for an administrative hearing

The store will be re-inspected

CLERK

Information may be turned over to the county attorney for prosecution consideration.

Clerks: May be fined for a Class B misdemeanor depending on county attorney action.

Store owner/licensee: Administrative penalty could exceed \$10,000 with possible loss of license after an accumulation of additional citations (having a documented employee training program may mitigate the penalty amount).

In addition, minors buying, possessing, or trying to buy or possess tobacco may receive a \$25 fine for tobacco infraction plus costs.



If you are a clerk or sell tobacco products, please take this short survey. Your responses will not be seen by your supervisor. Visit greenbush.org/T21 to learn more.