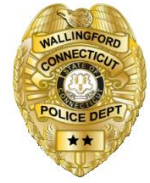




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Tobacco & Electronic Cigarette Compliance Checks of Wallingford Establishments

On February 7, 2023 the Wallingford Police Department Community Impact Unit, working with the State of Connecticut, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Tobacco Prevention and Enforcement Program, conducted compliance inspections of establishments that sell tobacco products and electronic cigarettes. The Inspections were performed in an effort to determine compliance with state laws concerning the prohibition of the sale of e-cigarettes and tobacco products to youth under the age of 21. Retailers are required by state law to inspect the photo ID of anyone who appears under the age of 30 before selling tobacco product or electronic cigarette. Free online training is available to anyone who would like to learn more at: cttobaccotraining.com

A total of 25 compliance inspections were conducted. Of this total, 6 establishments were found non-compliant with Connecticut General Statutes Section 53-344 (Sale of Tobacco to a person under 21) or Section 53-344b (Sale of an e-cigarette to a person under 21). The offending clerks at these establishments were issued a first-time infraction in the amount of \$300.

Tobacco retailers are licensed by the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services (DRS). Non-compliant/compliant inspection results are referred to the DRS for possible administration action.

The following retailers were found to be non-compliant.

- Tobacco World, 994 North Colony Road
- Smok Rules, 200 Church Street Unit 5
- Smokers Land, 362 Main Street
- Global, 119 North Turnpike Road
- Colony Vape Shop (Hookah Shop), 130 South Colony Road
- Valero Oakdale mart, 75 South Turnpike Road



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The Following Businesses were in compliance during the checks.

- Checkers, 99 North Colony Road
- Valero Fast Mart, 720 North Colony Road
- Mobil/ Sam's Food Stores, 1001 North Colony Road
- Citgo, 305 Main Street
- Shell/ Henny Penny, 77 North Turnpike Road
- Valero Fast Mart, 68 North Turnpike Road
- Wallingford Food Land (Delta), 250 South Colony Road
- Pit Stop, 66 Woodhouse Avenue
- Smokers Market, 824 East Center Street
- Wallingford Tobacco, 898 North Colony
- Shell Food Mart, 1059 North Colony Road
- Puff City, 722 North Colony Road
- Sunoco Food Mart, 315 North Colony Road
- Teddy's Stores (Gulf), 1195 North Colony Road
- Railroad Smoke Shop, 96 Quinnipiac Street
- Sunoco Food & Fuel, 810 South Colony Road
- Citgo Food Mart, 326 South Colony Road
- Valero Fasmart, 720 North Colony Road
- Nisa's Variety Store, 824 East Center Street

We ask anyone with further information or questions, please contact The Wallingford Police Department Community Impact Unit (203)294-2820 or at www.police.wallingfordct.gov.