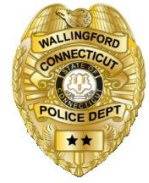




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Unannounced Tobacco and Electronic Cigarette Compliance Inspection Results

On 3/18/2025, officers from the Wallingford Police Department's Community Impact Unit working with the State of Connecticut, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) Tobacco Prevention and Enforcement Program (TPEP) conducted unannounced compliance inspections of establishments that sell tobacco products and/or electronic cigarettes. The inspections were performed to determine compliance with state laws concerning prohibiting the sale of e-cigarettes and/or tobacco products to youth under the age of 21.

Retailers are required by state law to inspect the photo ID of anyone under 30 before selling a tobacco product or electronic cigarette. Free online training is available to anyone who would like to learn more at: cttobaccotraining.com

A total of twelve (12) unannounced compliance inspections were conducted. Of this total, five (5) 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 for \$300.00. Learn more at: <http://www.ct.gov/dmhas/tpep>. Tobacco retailers are licensed by the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services (DRS). Non-compliant compliant inspection results are referred to DRS for possible administrative action.

The following retailers were found to be non-compliant:

1. Alien Vape and Smoke; 970 N. Colony Rd.
2. Sam's/Citgo; 1001 N. Colony Rd.
3. Teddy's/Gulf; 1195 N. Colony Rd.
4. Yalesville Package Store; 413 Main St.
5. Citgo; 305 Main St., Yalesville



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The following retailers were found to be compliant:

1. Puff City; 722 N. Colony Rd.
2. Wallingford Tobacco; 898 N. Colony Rd.
3. Cumberland Farms; 906 N. Colony Rd.
4. Tobacco World; N. Colony Rd.
5. Shell Food Mart; 1059 N. Colony Rd.
6. Teddy's Stores; 440 Main St., Yalesville
7. Smokers Land; 362 Main St., Yalesville