Tips to Avoid Penalties

✔ Only sell the following products to people who are at least 21 years old:
  • Tobacco products, such as cigarettes, cigars, tobacco shisha or loose tobacco
  • Electronic cigarettes, cartridges and refills
  • Non-tobacco smoking products, such as herbal cigarettes, non-tobacco shisha, pipes or rolling papers

✔ Ask for and look carefully at a valid photo ID of anyone who appears to be younger than 30 years old.

✔ Do not sell single cigarettes or single little cigars (“loosies”).

✔ Do not sell cigarettes for less than $13 a pack.

✔ Do not sell single cigars that cost less than $8 each plus $0.25 other tobacco product tax (before sales tax).

✔ Do not sell packs of multiple cigars for less than $8 for the first cigar, $1.75 for each additional cigar, plus $0.25 per cigar for other tobacco product tax (before sales tax).

✔ Keep tobacco products, shisha, herbal cigarettes and electronic cigarettes behind the counter or in a locked container.

✔ Post the signs required by the law.

If you have any questions about the New York City or New York State tobacco laws, please call 311.