

New Tobacco Control Laws enacted through the 2021 NYS Budget

As of May 18, 2020:

- The sale of tobacco products in pharmacies is prohibited. **This will end the confusing messaging of pharmacies of selling health-harming tobacco products in addition to health aids for those who are attempting to quit.**
- The sale of flavored vape products without FDA marketing order are prohibited, including menthol.
- Oversight of vapor products is increased over the distribution chain.

As of July 1, 2020:

- Retailers are no longer allowed to offer multi-pack or other discounts, or to redeem coupons for any tobacco or vape product. **Discounts appeal to cost-conscious customers, especially to young people and those with low income.**
- Shipping & delivery of e-cigarettes & vape products to private residences is prohibited. **This reduces youth access to vape products by stopping online sales, which have been used by teens to bypass age of sale restrictions.**
- Stores with 1,500 feet of a school (or 500 feet in NYC) are prohibited from placing tobacco & vape products, smoking paraphernalia, & advertising for any of these products in exterior windows or storefronts. **Exposure to tobacco marketing increases the likelihood that teens will become smokers.**
- Penalties are increased for selling tobacco products to those under age 21.