

COMPLIANCE CHECK PRIORITIZATION

Compliance checks are a strategy that law enforcement can use to reduce the retail availability of tobacco to underage youth. By preventing youth retail access, communities can reduce the negative consequences associated with underage tobacco use, thereby creating a safer, healthier environment for their youth. Compliance checks are cost-effective; however, law enforcement should prioritize locations.

Goal is Fairness

The goal is to investigate all locations in the community to show fairness. However, there may be times when it is not feasible to check every location. The key is to reflect fairness in the selection process. Multiple checks on a business after it passes, with no notification and rechecks until a failure is identified, should be avoided in the name of fairness.

Statutory Requirements

Illinois has no state statute mandating the distance between retail tobacco locations and institutions such as schools, churches, or hospitals. State law mandates that alcohol retail locations be more than 100 feet from said institutions. ([235 ILCS 5/6-11](#))



PULL HANDLE

Selection Options

- Select locations at random.
- Investigate all retailers in specific geographic areas (e.g., near a school or college campus).
- Select certain kinds of outlets (e.g., gas stations, smoke shops).
- Select locations based on complaints or previous violations.
- Select based on community input or stated concern.