

Boston Public Health Commission Regulation Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. When does this regulation take effect?

A. The new regulation is effective February 9, 2009.

Q. What kinds of establishments are no longer allowed to sell tobacco products?

A. All health care institutions such as pharmacies and drug stores and businesses that operate on the property of educational institutions are no longer allowed to sell tobacco products.

Q. How can I get a copy of the regulation?

A. If you need a copy of the regulation, please call 617-534-4718 or visit our website at http://www.bphc.org/board/pdfs/regs_TobaccoRestrictionRegulation_12-11-08.pdf

Q. I heard that the sale of blunt wraps is banned. What are blunt wraps?

A. Blunt wraps is cigarette-like rolling paper that is thick and dark and made from tobacco leaves. Blunt wraps come in flavored varieties and are heavily marketed to the youth and often used as drug paraphernalia.

Q. How is this being enforced?

A. Authority to enforce this regulation shall be held by the Boston Public Health Commission, its subsidiary programs or designees, the City of Boston Inspectional Services Department, and the City of Boston Police Department. Any violation of this regulation will result in an initial fine of \$200, with second and third violations within a 24 months period incurring a \$700 and \$1000 fine, respectively. Any additional violation may result in the permanent revocation of the Permit for Location and Sales of Tobacco Products.