



# Keeping Tobacco Away from Children and Teens

## Greene County Tobacco Control Program

### Enforcement Compliance Checks

Several years ago, the Pennsylvania Department of Health began providing funding to the Greene County Tobacco Control Program to assure compliance with Act 112 of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code. Act 112 forbids the sale of tobacco to anyone under 18.

Several rounds of enforcement compliance checks are conducted per year to verify that tobacco retailers and their employees know the law, and are not selling tobacco products to youth under age 18. In the event of a violation, citations are issued to both the retailer and the employee making the sale.

Average Percent of Compliant Greene County Tobacco Retailers		
July 2005— June 2006	86.9%	4 rounds of checks
July 2006— June 2007	98.6%	3 rounds of checks
July 2007— June 2008	93.6%	3 rounds of checks

### Smokeless Tobacco Included in Act 112

Please note that smokeless tobacco is a tobacco product covered by Act 112. This includes, but is not limited to, chewing tobacco, dipping tobacco and snuff. Retailers are reminded to not sell these products to youth under age 18.

### Training Tips for Retailers

To assure compliance with Act 112, please train employees on a regular basis to:

- Ask for a valid photo ID
- Refuse sales to youth under 18
- Handle confrontational situations
- Deal with peer pressure (for younger employees)
- Understand store policy and state laws

### Thank You

The Greene County Tobacco Control Program would like to thank the three Greene County Magisterial District Judges for their support of this program:

- Lou Dayich  
Magisterial District Judge 1—West
- Glenn Bates  
Magisterial District Judge 2—Central
- Lee Watson  
Magisterial District Judge 3—East

The program is also very appreciative of Greene County Detective Luke Kiger, who conducts the compliance checks for the program.

### Training Assistance Available

Tobacco retailers should train all of their employees to assure compliance with the law. If help is needed with training or policies, the Tobacco Control Program will be happy to provide it. Please contact the Tobacco Control Program at 724-852-5276 or e-mail us at [info@beetobaccofree.org](mailto:info@beetobaccofree.org).

Let's work together to reduce—or better yet eliminate—the number of citations issued. No one wins when citations are issued. Retailers receive warnings or fines, and the county and the Commonwealth risk losing federal funding.

Collaborate with the program to ensure success and share the goal of preventing tobacco use by children.

### Volunteers Needed

Teens, ages 14-17, are needed to participate in enforcement compliance checks. They are accompanied by adult volunteers and a local police officer.

Teen volunteers help ensure that retailers do not sell tobacco products to youth. For more information, contact the Tobacco Control Program at 724-852-5276 or [info@beetobaccofree.org](mailto:info@beetobaccofree.org).

### Compliant Retailers

The Greene County Tobacco Control Program would like to thank the retailers who passed all checks completed at their businesses from July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008.

- 7-Eleven #181C
- 77 Market
- All Star Express
- Bells Grocery
- BFS #32
- BFS #37
- BFS # 41
- BFS #44
- Bobtown Market
- Brodak's Family Market, Inc.
- Bucktown Beer
- Burns' Exxon
- Rush's Grocery and Video
- Coen Oil Company
- CVS #5700
- Davis' Giant Eagle
- Dilliner Convenience Store
- Dry Tavern Service Station
- Muhly's
- Gabler's
- Giant Eagle Get-Go
- Greene County Beer Distributor
- Grocery Bag
- Hopkins' Store
- Jordan's General Store
- The Log Cabin Service Station
- Pecjak's Sunoco
- Rite Aid #926
- Ruff Creek General Store
- Sheetz #284
- Sheetz #230
- Stokes' General Store
- Waynesburg Shop-n-Save
- The Medicine Mine
- Waynesburg Giant Eagle
- Watson's
- Ned General Store
- Waynesburg I-79 Exxon



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