Tobacco and Alcohol Sales to Minors

80% of adults who smoke started before they were 18.

- It is against the law to sell tobacco or tobacco products to any person under the age of 18.
- Electronic or E-cigarettes are defined as tobacco products.
- Retail tobacco sellers have a responsibility to ensure they are not selling tobacco to minors.
- To ensure tobacco sellers in Chicago are compliant with underage tobacco sale laws, the city departments of Public Health and Business Affairs and Consumer Protection conduct inspections at retail businesses selling tobacco.
- Retailers are inspected to ensure they are not selling illegal tobacco products and have the proper City of Chicago tax stamp affixed.
- The “Check the Stamps” program offers a $100 reward to residents whose reports of illegal sales to 311 or www.CheckTheStamps.org result in a conviction against the person or persons selling cigarettes illegally.

CALL 311 TO REPORT COMPLAINTS.