

Making the Tobacco Control Act Easy to Understand and Use

The Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, commonly referred to as the Tobacco Control Act, gives FDA authority to regulate the manufacture, distribution, and marketing of tobacco products to protect public health.

The law was signed on June 22, 2009, ushering in a new era of tobacco control by recognizing that almost all new users of tobacco products are under age 18—the minimum legal age to purchase.

One of the aims of the Tobacco Control Act is to curb the trend of new users becoming addicted before they are old enough to understand the risks and ultimately dying too young of tobacco-related diseases.



Search the Act

FDA has launched several tools to make the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act easier to access and use. These tools will also help you understand specific information from the 68-page law.

Check out the Searchable Tobacco Control Act by visiting www.fda.gov/TobaccoControlAct.

- Visit our overview of the Act for a snapshot of its significance and what it gives FDA authority over: <http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/ucm246129.htm>
- Search the Act by “Audience,” “Type of Tobacco,” and “Topic” to more easily find relevant sections by visiting: <http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoControlAct>

Interactive Timeline

Interact with our graphic timeline of the Act to learn about its history, key events, and milestones.

This visual feature can be printed, downloaded, and shared: <http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/tobaccocontrol/timeline>



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