

## Tobacco Laws

Code [39-17-1504](#) Sale or distribution to minors unlawful. It is unlawful for any person to sell or distribute any tobacco product to another person who has not attained eighteen (18) years of age or to purchase a tobacco product on behalf of such person under eighteen (18) years of age. It is unlawful for any person to persuade, entice, send or assist a person who has not attained eighteen (18) years of age to purchase, acquire, receive or attempt to purchase, acquire or receive a tobacco product.

Code [39-17-1505](#) (2001) prohibits any person under the age of 18 to possess, purchase, or accept receipt a tobacco product. Furthermore, it is illegal to present or offer unto any person any false proof of age for the purpose of purchasing or receiving any tobacco product. Violation of this code is punishable by a fine between \$10 and \$50 and up to 50 hours of community service.

Code [39-17-1604](#) (2000) prohibits smoking in all public and private kindergarten, elementary and secondary schools. Adult staff members are, however, permitted to smoke outdoors, but not within 50 feet of any entrance into the building, and on school grounds after school hours, but not blocking any entrance to any building and not in any public seating area, bleachers for sporting events, or public restrooms. Additionally, Code [39-17-1803](#) (2007) prohibits smoking in enclosed school buildings.