

## School Tobacco Use Laws

Tennessee Code Annotated, Section [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.

Tennessee Code Annotated, Section [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.