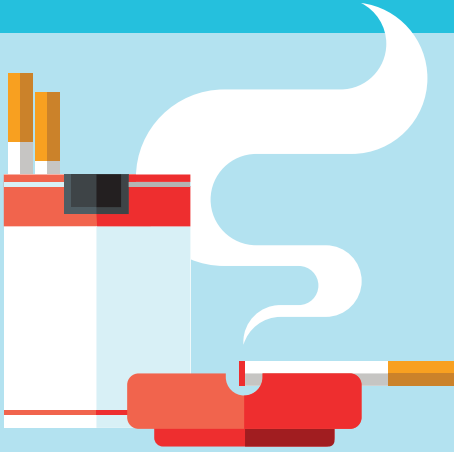


What is Tobacco 21?



Use of tobacco products in any form is not safe, especially during adolescence, as such use can lead to nicotine dependence and subsequent tobacco-related diseases and death.



The Institute of Medicine has concluded that raising the tobacco sale age to 21 will have a substantial positive impact on public health and save lives.



Tobacco use is the No. 1 preventable cause of death in the United States, and we should do everything we can to prevent it among young people.



If passed, the legal age to buy, possess, or use tobacco products will be 21 in the state of Utah. This would be effective July 1, 2019.



About 95% of all adult smokers start smoking before the age of 21.



The bill is aimed at decreasing the number of children that are currently using tobacco products.



Three-quarters of current smokers ages 15 to 17 report obtaining cigarettes from social sources, such as friends and classmates.



Delaying the age when young people begin using tobacco will help reduce the risk that they will become addicted tobacco users.



Raising the tobacco sale age to 21 would help keep tobacco out of high schools.



The bill would affect all tobacco products and not just traditional cigarettes, but also vapes, e-cigarettes, e-juice, snus, chew and other tobacco paraphernalia.

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