



# ATTENTION CUSTOMERS

## NEW Laws Restrict Sales of Cold and Allergy Medicines

STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS RESTRICT RETAIL SALES OF OVER-THE-COUNTER COLD AND ALLERGY PRODUCTS CONTAINING PSEUDOEPHEDRINE AND EPHEDRINE - USED TO MANUFACTURE METHAMPHETAMINE.

### EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

- Purchaser must be over 18. A government-issued photo ID is required.
- **TRANSACTION LIMIT:** No more than 2 packages of restricted products can be sold in a single transaction. Packages cannot contain more than a total of 2 grams (2,000 mg) of ephedrine HCl or pseudoephedrine HCl. The restrictions apply to liquid, gel-cap, and **pediatric** products.
- **SALES LIMIT:** There is also a **DAILY sales limit** and a **MONTHLY sales limit** – a purchaser may not buy more than 3.6 grams of restricted product per day or more than 9.0 grams of restricted product per month. Retailers must track individual purchases.
- **TRANSACTION RECORDS:** Retailers are required to keep a log of each sale. A separate form must be completed for each transaction. The log must include the purchaser's name, address, date of birth, license or ID card number, AND details of the purchase. The purchaser's phone number is not required. Federal law requires that the **PURCHASER** complete name, address and the date/time of sale. The **RETAILER** must verify the purchaser's identity/address and enter the name and quantity of the product sold. The **PURCHASER** then signs the completed form.
- The transaction log must contain the federal warning to consumers about use of false, forged, or altered identification. The log is **confidential** (*i.e., a purchaser's completed form can not be visible to another purchaser*) and can be released only to law enforcement officers. Records shall be kept for three years.
- Restricted products cannot be displayed on the shelf or otherwise be accessible to customers; products must be kept in a locked cabinet or behind the counter.



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***Working together to curb illegal drug use!***

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*Failure to comply with the law may result in criminal or civil penalties.*