

# Toolkit for Community Prevention

Creating Awareness of the Connecticut Youth Tobacco Possession Law



**Did You Know:**  
As of October 1, 2008 it is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to possess tobacco in a public place.



## CT Tobacco Possession Law in Effect October 1, 2008

**Section 53-344:** Any person under eighteen years of age who purchases or misrepresents such person's age to purchase tobacco in any form or possesses tobacco in any form in any public place shall be fined not more than fifty dollars for the first offense and not less than fifty dollars or more than one hundred dollars for each subsequent offense. For purposes of this subsection, "public place" means any area that is used or held out for use by the public whether owned or operated by public or private interests.

This toolkit includes the following:

- ✓ Pocket card
- ✓ Poster
- ✓ Sample press release
- ✓ CD with radio PSA and the above materials and resources

**The State of Connecticut Prohibits  
the Possession of Tobacco  
by Anyone Under the Age of 18.**

think smart – don't start!

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