

**STATEWIDE TOBACCO OUTLET ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVE 2003  
PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION FORM**

Please read this Form. Your signature at the end of this Form signifies your understanding and your permission to allow your youth to participate in the Enforcement Initiative 2003 (Initiative). This Form accompanies a separate Underage Buyer Understanding to be signed by the youth participant and the parent/guardian.

**BACKGROUND**

The Pennsylvania Department of Health and local law enforcement agencies are conducting an enforcement initiative to monitor sales of tobacco products to persons under the age of 18. The method used to monitor such sales is to have underage youths, supervised by trained adults, attempt to purchase tobacco products. Your youth has expressed an interest in participating in this Initiative. Your youth will be joining other young people under age 18 in visiting local tobacco vendors and attempting to purchase tobacco products. Trained adults will accompany youth participants to the locations. Money to purchase the tobacco products will be provided. Your youth may be asked to testify, if necessary, in any hearings related to the purchase of tobacco products. If a sale is made to your youth, a citation will be issued to the sales clerk or store and the tobacco product will be handed over to a law enforcement official.

**INFORMED CONSENT**

I understand that the nature of this Initiative is to monitor vendors to prohibit the sale or distribution of tobacco products to persons under the age of 18. I give my permission for my youth to participate in this activity.

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Printed Name of Youth Participant

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Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Date Signed