

Important Notice for Store Owners, Managers, Clerks and Cashiers

Purchase of Sexual Health Products

This notice hopes to clarify issues regarding access to sexual health products by minors (youth under 18 years of age).

Alberta law does not require you to check a minor's identification before selling him/her condoms, spermicides or contraceptive sponges. Unlike cigarettes, for example, there is no age restriction for the purchase of these sexual health products.

Sexual health products such as spermicides and sponges may be kept on the store shelves or behind the pharmacy counter. These products may be kept behind the pharmacy counter due to legal requirements, pharmacist preference and/or lack of shelf space. The pharmacist usually interacts with the customer regarding the use of a sexual health product when such products are kept behind the counter.

If your store includes a pharmacy or sells sexual health products, it is helpful to review the store policy with front staff. This information may assist employees in directing youth customers to the products they are looking to buy.