

2024-2025 Law Enforcement Guide to Tobacco and E-Cigarette (Vapor) Offenses

Fine is given to the person or employee that sold the product	1st Offense (1ST)	2nd Offense (2ND) (within a 24-month period from 1st)	3rd Offense (SBS) (within a 24-month period from 1st)
C.G.S. § 53-344(b) - Illegal Sale of Cigarette or Tobacco Product to someone under 21 years of age C.G.S. § 53-344b(b) - Illegal Sale of Electronic Nicotine Delivery System or Vape Product to someone under 21 years of age	\$300.00 Infraction C.G.S. 53-344(b) 1st C.G.S. 53-344b(b) 1st	\$750.00 Infraction C.G.S. 53-344(b) 2nd C.G.S. 53-344b(b) 2nd	\$1,000.00 Infraction C.G.S. 53-344(b) SBS C.G.S. 53-344b(b) SBS

C.G.S. § 12-286a(a) - Distributors and dealers of tobacco products are required to post notice of restrictions.
C.G.S. § 53-344a - Distributors and dealers of tobacco products are required to ask for proof of age if the buyer appears to be under 30 years of age.

Enforceable in any place or on school grounds, provided the accused is using the device/smoking and the prohibited use of such is clearly posted by signage	Under the Age of 16	Age of 16 and Up
C.G.S. § 19a-342(b)(1) - Smoking in or at a Prohibited Area	Juvenile Summons or Juvenile Review Board Referral	\$75.00 Infraction
C.G.S. § 19a-342a(b)(1) - Use of an Electronic Nicotine Delivery System or Vape Product in or at a Prohibited Area	Juvenile Summons or Juvenile Review Board Referral	\$120.00 Infraction
C.G.S. § 53-344(c) - Misrepresentation of Age to Purchase Cigarettes or a Tobacco Product by someone under the age of 21 (1st Offense)	Juvenile Summons or Juvenile Review Board Referral	\$50.00 Infraction \$100.00 Subsequent Offense 53-344(c)*
C.G.S. § 53-344b(c) - Misrepresentation of Age to Purchase Electronic Nicotine Delivery System or Vape Product by someone under the age of 21 (1st Offense)	Juvenile Summons or Juvenile Review Board Referral	\$50.00 Infraction \$100.00 Subsequent Offense 53-344(c)*



2024-2025 Law Enforcement Guide to Alcohol and Cannabis Offenses

Alcohol Charges	Under the Age of 16	Age of 16 and Up
C.G.S. § 30-89(b)(1) - Possession of Alcohol by a Minor (Public Roadway)	Juvenile Summons or Juvenile Review Board Referral (150 Day Delay to Obtain License)	\$136.00 Infraction (<21 License Suspension) (150 Day Delay to Obtain License)
C.G.S. § 30-89(b)(2) - Possession of Alcohol by a Minor (Private or Public Place Other Than a Roadway)	Juvenile Summons or Juvenile Review Board Referral (150 Day Delay to Obtain License)	\$136.00 Infraction (<21 License Suspension) (150 Day Delay to Obtain License)
C.G.S. § 30-89a - (Social Hosting) Permitting a Minor (<21) to Possess Liquor	UNDER 18: Juvenile Summons or Juvenile Review Board Referral	18 AND UP: Class A Misdemeanor

Cannabis Laws	Under the Age of 18	Between 18 and 21	Over the Age of 21
C.G.S. § 21a-279a - Possession <5 oz. of plant, product, or combo	1st - Written Warning 2nd- Juvenile Review Board 3rd - Juvenile Summons	1st Offense - \$50 infraction Subsequent Offenses - \$150	Legal <1.5 oz. on their person and up to 5 oz. in a locked glove box or trunk
C.G.S. § 21a-421ccc - (Social Hosting) - Permitting a Minor <21 to Possess Cannabis	Class A Misdemeanor Offense		

SECTION 21a-267 USE, POSSESSION OR DELIVERY OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA (SECTION 4) DOES NOT APPLY TO CANNABIS

Cannabis Plants - Adults 21+ can have 3 mature and 3 immature plants, with a maximum of 12 plants per household.

The cannabis cannot be visible to the public and must grow indoors in a secured, locked area.

*Please note: Cannabis penalties listed above may not apply to medical cannabis plants.

