Active Enforcement of Sales Laws Directed at Retailers When Used Alone to Restrict Minors' Access to Tobacco Products

**Task Force Finding**

**Intervention Definition**
Active enforcement is used to achieve and maintain retailer compliance with laws banning tobacco sales to minors. This enforcement consists of periodic unannounced checks, which employ recruited, supervised minors to make attempts to purchase tobacco products from retailers and vending machines.

**Task Force Finding (June 2001)**
The Task Force finds insufficient evidence to determine the effectiveness of active enforcement of sales laws when implemented alone in reducing youth access to tobacco, because only one qualifying study was identified and it did not provide measurements of youth tobacco use or purchase behaviors.

*From the following publication:

**Publications**

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