

## STANDARD PROTOCOL

### Description for Youth Confederates

The purpose of this study is to identify the things that can affect whether or not a person in a store will sell tobacco to youth and how to get stores to stop doing this.

In this study, I will visit stores and try to buy a pack of cigarettes. The stores have been picked to represent different neighborhoods and locations. I will be accompanied by an adult, who will tell me what to try to buy. I will never do anything related to this study without an adult from the project being present.

While making the purchase, I will keep track of the following things:

- Price paid for the tobacco
- Sex of the salesperson
- Ethnicity of the salesperson
- If there were other people around when I asked for the tobacco
- Anything the salesperson or the other customers might say

Immediately after trying to buy the tobacco, I will come back to the adult, who will record the information on specially prepared forms. Any tobacco bought will be given to the adult, who will turn them over to the researchers for disposal. These visits should take about 2–3 hours a day for about 3–4 days.

Before going out to buy the tobacco, I will go to a training session. This time will be spent talking about why youth should not start using tobacco and about some of the laws on selling tobacco to youth. The reason for the study will be discussed. I will learn that my purpose in this study is to try to stop stores from selling cigarettes to youth because cigarettes are bad for youth. In addition, I will learn how to ask for tobacco and what to say when the salesperson says something to me. I will learn how to figure out what the sex and ethnicity of the salesperson is. During this session, I will role play buying tobacco products while remembering all of these things.

I will be paid \$3–\$5 for each store that I visit (\$3–\$5 for each purchase attempt) for participating. I do not have to work for the whole time.

Selling tobacco products to children is illegal in California. We have special permission to do this project so that we can stop stores from selling tobacco to children. If I participate in this study, I will not try to buy tobacco at any time other than when I am gathering data.

I have read the above and agree to participate. I understand that I will:

- Go into stores and try to buy tobacco products
- Be involved in a training session before this
- Be involved with this for about 3–4 days
- Be paid \$3–\$5 per store visited/purchase attempt

- I understand that buying tobacco is illegal, but that there is special permission to do so for this study.
- I agree to not buy any tobacco product at any other time.
- I agree to give all tobacco I buy to the adult who goes with me during the study.
- I understand that I can drop out of the study at any time.
- I understand that the information about if a store sells or does not sell is confidential and that I cannot tell anyone about it.

If I have any questions or problems, I will first discuss these with my parent and with the adult who accompanies me while I try to buy cigarettes. If I still have questions, I understand that I can call or meet with *[name and phone number]*, and she/he will discuss them with me.

I have been given a copy of this form for me to keep.

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Signature of Youth Participant

Date