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Ashland Police Department

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**The Ashland Police Department would like to remind the public and business merchants that the legal age to purchase and possess alcoholic beverages in the Commonwealth of Virginia is 21 years of age, and the legal age to purchase of possess tobacco products is 18 years of age.**

In this department's continuing efforts to ensure that our citizens and visitors are safe, several education and enforcement projects will be implemented in the upcoming months. The Ashland Police received a grant to fund these special operations throughout the town in partnership with the Department of Alcohol Beverage Control. We will visit alcohol and tobacco retailers throughout Ashland to verify that licensees are complying with the state age requirements, 18 years of age for tobacco sales and 21 years of age for alcohol. We appreciate local merchants support in our efforts to prevent underage purchasing.

The Ashland Police Department is proud to partner with the Virginia Department of Alcohol Beverage Control to continue these efforts throughout the next few months.

For more information about this program, you may contact the Ashland Police Department at (804) 412-0600 or visit our website at [www.ashlandpolice.us](http://www.ashlandpolice.us)

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