

Illegal tobacco

Criminals profit. Your community pays.

What is illegal tobacco?

- Tobacco grown, produced or manufactured in Australia without a licence,
- Imported tobacco for which no duty has been paid, or
- Tobacco sold without payment of taxes.



Growing tobacco in Australia for commercial sale or personal use is illegal.

\$600m*



went to criminals instead of the community

The profits criminal syndicates make through illegal tobacco will only cause more harm as it's used to fund further criminal activity.

* 2015/16

How we're fighting back

The ATO is part of the Illicit Tobacco Taskforce, a whole-of-government approach to tackling this issue.

38
seizures

240,000kg*
of illegal tobacco
seized and destroyed

\$203m
in excise

* Approximate figure

Since 2016

What to look out for



Illegal tobacco could be anything from a crop growing on a farm through to a packet of cigarettes being sold over the counter.



Growing operations can be hard to identify as many people don't know what tobacco plants look like.



Loose leaf tobacco, also known as 'chop chop'.



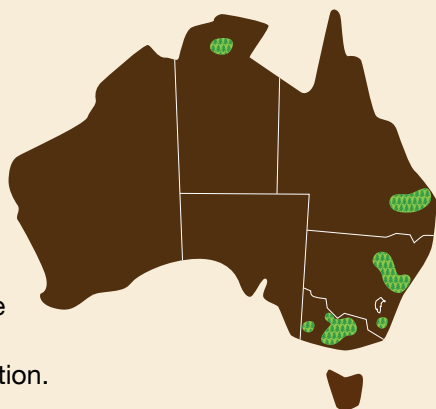
Counterfeit tobacco is made to look like well-known brands. They can contain dangerous poisons, and may not even be tobacco.



Contraband tobacco is made legally in another country before being illegally imported.

Where is illegal tobacco grown?

These are some of the hotspots you'd be more likely to find an illegal tobacco growing operation.



Let's cut illegal tobacco off at the root

- Report growing operations
- Stop buying illegal tobacco products
- Report illegal tobacco products being sold
- Report suspicious activity

Call **1800 060 062** to anonymously report suspicious activity.
Visit ato.gov.au/illegal tobacco for more information.



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