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**Youthful Smokers Still Lighting Up - (COLUMBIA)** -- Teenagers are finding it harder to get their hands on cigarettes. A survey by the state Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services released yesterday shows fewer than 20-percent of teens between 14- and 17-years of age successfully bought tobacco products. But officials say that has NOT significantly curbed the number of teens actually taking a puff every now and then. About 40-percent of high school students say they've smoked at least one cigarette in the past month.

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