

## SEAL DESIGN

Every fall Auditor's Kovack sponsors a contest which challenges county high school level students to design the seals that are used for the gas pumps, scanners, scales and any other commercial measuring device. The winners' seals become the authorized sales for the Auditor's Office for the following year. Each winning seal has the student's name on it. Next time you spot one of them see who designed it. Perhaps it will be someone you know!



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### 2017 Seal Design Contest Winners



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## Weights & Measures Consumer Information



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## ARE YOU PROTECTED?

When making a purchase the consumer is concerned with two elements:

**Quality** and **Quantity**.

**Quality** is the personal expectation a consumer has for a product. The government controls quality by setting minimum standards for health and safety.

**Quantity** is the specific amount of product. The government's Weights and Measures Inspectors ensure that consumers receive the proper quantity by inspecting the measuring devices.

The government regulates quality and quantity by providing minimum standards.

**The Department of Weights and Measures** ensures, with a high degree of accuracy, that what is purchased is the proper quantity. Therefore, consumers can be confident that they receive what they pay for.

### Remember:

Do not be afraid to ask questions! The problem usually is the result of an error that the merchants can easily rectify if brought to their attention!

## THE RELIABLE MERCHANT

Wants to know that his customers are receiving full measure for the dollars they spend. They are aware that their weighting and measuring devices become inaccurate through regular use and will check for those inaccuracies.

### Suggestion to consumers

1. Be aware of possible inaccuracies of weights and measures.
2. Learn to read the scale indicators and observe the weighing of your purchases.
3. Demand accurate weight and measure in your purchase just as you would demand accurate change from the cashier.

## WHY IS ACCURACY IMPORTANT

Merchants should check all devices for accuracy at least once a day for mechanical failure. Because...

If you purchased a pound of salami for \$3.25 per pound at the grocery store every week for a year using a scale that was in ounce too heavy, you would be paying \$0.20 more per day. Over a year's time that would be \$10.40. Let's not forget cheeses to go with that salami and maybe a variety of other deli meats. You could be losing up to \$100 per year on just deli items alone!

Small inaccuracies can become large profit losses not only to the merchant, but to the consumer as well.

## COMMON SPOT CHECKING PLACES

### AT THE GAS PUMP



1. Be sure all settings are at "zero" before pumping
2. Pump one gallon of gas. Check to see if the price is equal to the advertised price per gallon.

### AT THE PHARMACY

1. Count the prescriptions pills and compare them to the amount on the label.

### AT THE GROCERY STORE

1. Check for the current year approval sticker on the scale.
2. When purchasing produce and deli items, make sure the cashier factors in the weight of the container. (tare)

