# The Truth about E-Cigarettes and Vaping

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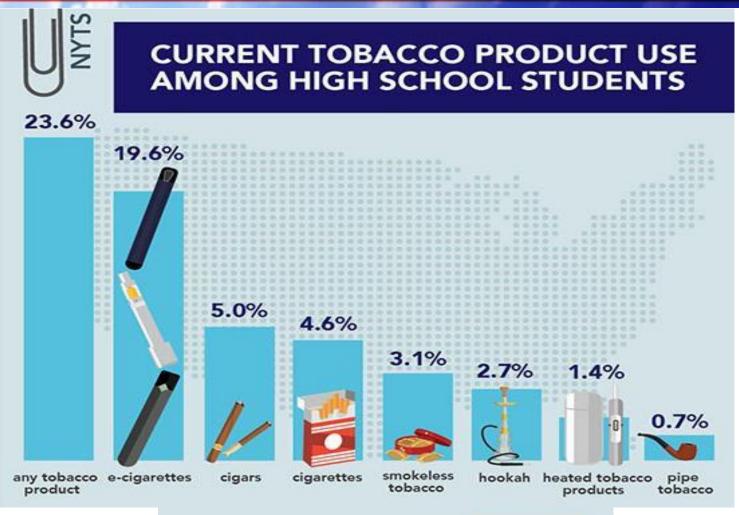




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# Objectives

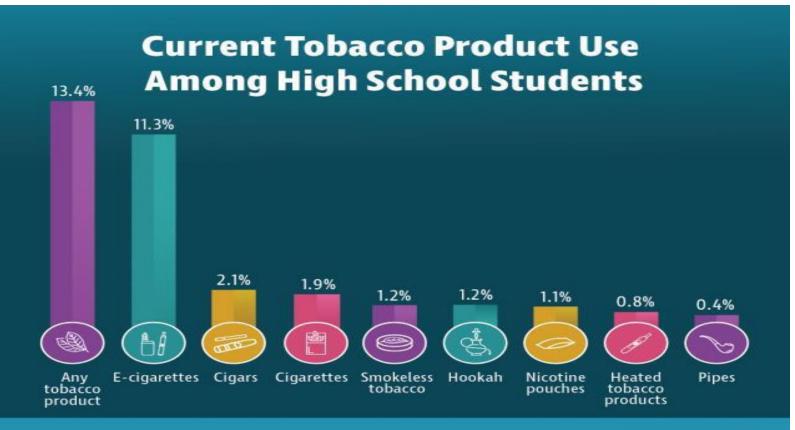
- State current vaping statistics among teens and young adults
- 2. Provide e-cigarette overview
- 3. List the harms of e-cigarette ingredients
- 4. Recognize the risk of addiction
- 5. Define ways to help students and families
- 6. Identify resources available



Learn more at: bit.ly/6950a1

Source: National Youth Tobacco Survey, 2020





Learn more: go.usa.gov/xzkK2

Source: National Youth Tobacco Survey, 2021





This year's data cannot be compared to previous surveys due to changes made this year to conduct the survey during the COVID-19 pandemic.

More than 2 million U.S. youth currently use e-cigarettes

of high school students

Among youth who are current e-cigarette users:

About 2 in 5 e-cigs frequently



About 1 in 4 e-cigs daily

Disturbingly high rates of frequent and daily e-cig use suggest many teens have a

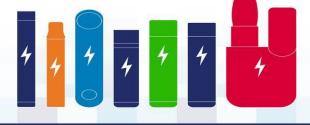
STRONG **DEPENDENCE ON** NICOTINE











Electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) products, like e-cigarettes, that are so popular with young people, remain an ONGOING CONCERN.

FDA protects children's health by:

- Requiring tobacco products to meet public health standards before they can be marketed
- Prioritizing enforcement against youth-appealing products
- Educating the public, especially youth, about the dangers of e-cigarette use

CENTER FOR TOBACCO PRODUCTS





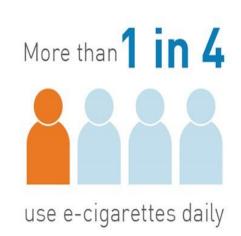




# More than 2.5 million

high and middle school students currently use e-cigarettes.

#### Among current youth e-cigarette users:



The most commonly used device type is

disposables



Almost 85%



use flavored e-cigarettes

In October 2022, FDA and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released federal data from the 2022 National Youth Tobacco Survey (NYTS) on e-cigarette use among U.S. youth in the Morbidity & Mortality Weekly Report "Notes from the Field: E-cigarette Use Among Middle and High School Students — United States, 2022." E-cigarette use among youth remains a top concern for the FDA. In 2022, about 1 in 10 or more than 2.5 million U.S. middle and high school students currently used e-cigarettes (past 30-day).

#### **Current Use**

•14.1% (2.14 million) of high school students and 3.3% (380,000) of middle school students reported current e-cigarette use.

#### Flavored E-Cigarette Use

•Overwhelmingly, current users (nearly 85%) used flavored e-cigarettes, with fruit flavors being the most popular, followed by candy, desserts, or other sweets.

#### **Frequency of Use**

- •More than a quarter (27.6%) of current youth e-cigarette users use an e-cigarette product every day.
- More than 4 in 10 youth e-cigarette users report using e-cigarettes at least 20 of the last 30 days.

#### **Type of Device**

•The most commonly used device among current users was disposables (55.3%), followed by prefilled/refillable pods or cartridges (25.2%).

#### **Commonly Used Brands**

•Current users reported their usual brands as: Puff Bar (14.5%), Vuse (12.5%), Hyde (5.5%) and SMOK (4%).



# What is Vaping?

Vaping is the act of using an electronic cigarette, also called:

- Vapes
- E-hookahs
- Vape pens
- Tank systems
- Box Mods
- Electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS)



Image credit: FDA.gov

# What Are Electronic Cigarettes?

- Battery operated device turning a liquid into an aerosol to inhale
- Invented in 2003 by a Chinese inventor
- Introduced to the United States in the mid-2000s
- Wide variation in look, design, and function



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# **How Does Vaping Work?**

#### **Parts of an Electronic Cigarette**

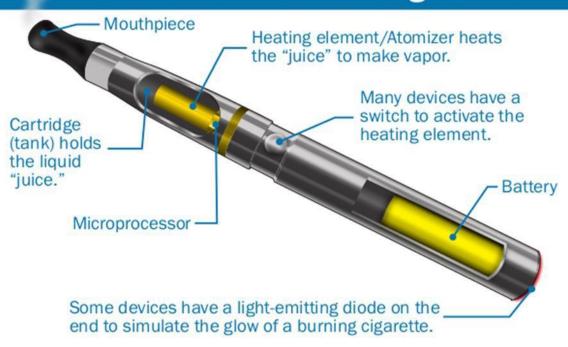


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# What is in E-Cigarette Aerosol?

#### E-Cigarette aerosol is not just harmless 'water vapor'

- Harmful chemicals are inhaled by the user and exhaled as secondhand aerosol
- Manufacturing of e-liquid is not regulated
  - 'Zero Percent' solutions can still contain nicotine
  - Unknown chemicals used during manufacturing

### What's in that Pod?

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- Nicotine
- Benzoic Acid
- Glycerol
- Propylene Glycol
- Natural Oils
- Extracts and Flavors
- ???

### What's in that Pod?

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- Nicotine Thymol Ally Hexanoate α-Pinene β-Pinene
   Limonene Caffeine 2- methoxyphenol 2,3,5- Trimethyl pyrazine
- Benzoic Acid 2,5- dimethyl pyrazine Isopulegol Ethyl Maltol
   Benzaldehyde 4-Terpineol Maltol Hydrocoumarin Vanillin
- Glycerol Phenethyl Alcohol P-Cymene Corylone Ethyl Vanillin
   p-Anisaldehyde Eucalyptol Piperitone Piperonal Linalool
- Propylene Glycol β-Damascone Benzaldehyde PG acetal Pulegone Ethyl anthranilate  $\alpha$ -Terpineol  $\delta$  Decalactone  $\gamma$ -Octalactone
- Natural Oils 3-Hexen-1-ol β-Myrcene δ-Dodecalactone
   Ethyl lactate γ-Decalactone
   Ethyl Acetate Ethyl butanoate
- Extracts and Flavors δ-Undecalatone Hexyl acetate

  Ethyl hexanoate Ethyl 2-methylbutanoate Acetylpyrazine
- ??? Menthol Triacetin Carvone Neomenthol Benzyl Alcohol p-Methone Hydroxyacetone Styralyl Acetate Menthyl Acetate Strawberry Glycidate\_A Heliotropine PG acetal Benzyl DMC butyrate y-Terpinene Methyl Anthranilate Ethyl Isovalerate

# E-Cig = E.N.D.S. Electronic Nicotine Delivery System



Young ppl using e-cigs are 4x more likely to start smoking

Teenstry vaping out of curiosity, because their friends vape, and to relieve stress.

## Variety of Shapes and Styles

"Closed Systems"

"Refillable Open Systems"



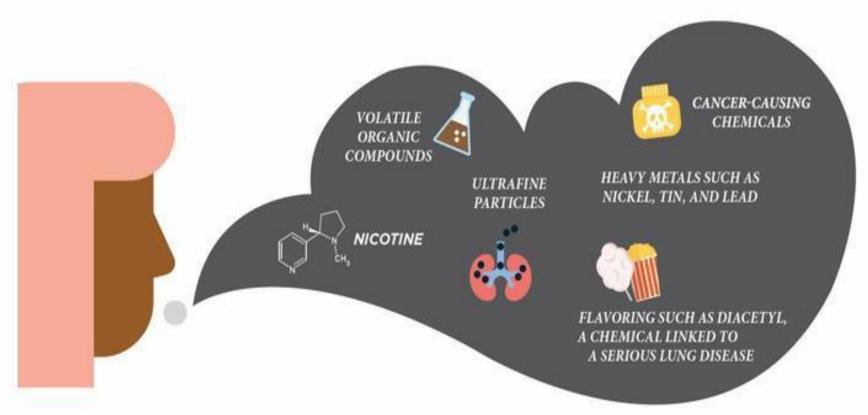
Sample of e-cigarette products. Images are not to scale. Image credit: Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids





#### Not a Safe Alternative to Smoking

E-cigarettes contain cancer-causing chemicals that can also be inhaled by non-users.



# **#JUUL LIES**

# "I hope there was nothing that we did that made it appealing to them."

—Juul CEO Kevin Burns, on what he would say to parents of teens addicted to Juul.







# **Disposable E-cigarettes**

- Flavors still being sold in disposable devices
- Puff Bar, Kang Vape, Bidi, Stig, Elf Bar, and Hyde are among popular disposable brand names
- Come pre-charged and pre-filled
- E-Cigarettes can be used to deliver marijuana and other drugs
- Contain high amounts of nicotine
- All salt-based e-juice liquid contains nicotine





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1JUUL pcd ≈413 mg of nicotine 1Puffbar ≈50mgofnicotine 1Suarin pad ≈90 mgaf nicotine

# ALL PODS CONTAIN HIGH LEVELS OF NICOTINE



≈41 CIGARETTES ≈50 CIGARETTES ≈90

CIGARETTES









## **E-Cigarette (E-Juice) Solutions**

- Different concentrations of nicotine in E-liquids
- Different flavors, often dessert and candy flavored
- Challenges with FDA regulation and state and local enforcement





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# Advertising Looks Like Kid-Friendly Products 15,000+ flavors

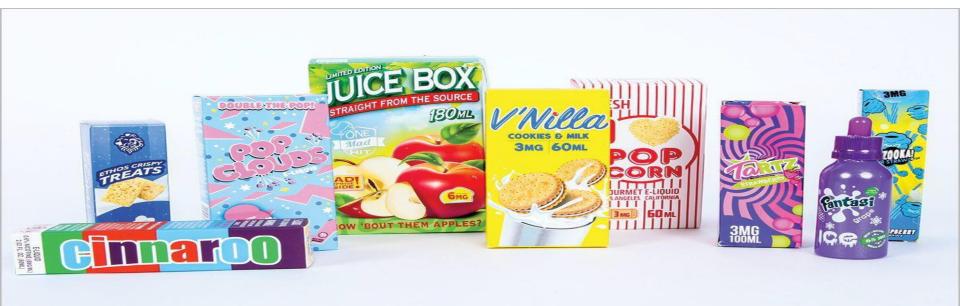


Image credit: TobaccoStopsWithMe.com







More than 7.700 flavors of e-cigarettes exist, including fruit and sweet flavors that appeal to children and youth.



It is not safe to use ecigarettes near children: There are cancer-causing chemicals in the exhaled e-cigarette vapor.



Minors can easily purchase e-cigarettes online, or - in some states - at convenience stores.

#### **E-cigarettes:** A Threat to Health

The American Academy of Pediatrics believes ecigarettes and other electronic nicotine delivery systems are a significant danger to the health of children and nonsmokers. For more information. visit bitly.com/AAPpolicy.



Less than half a teaspoon of a nicotinecontaining e-cigarette solution can be fatal to the average toddler.

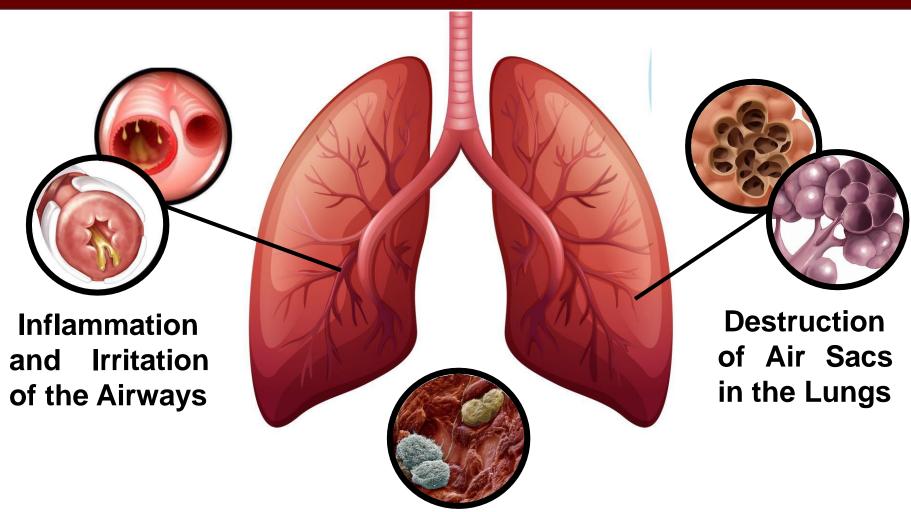


Ads for e-cigarettes are targeting adolescents and appear on TV, radio, and online.



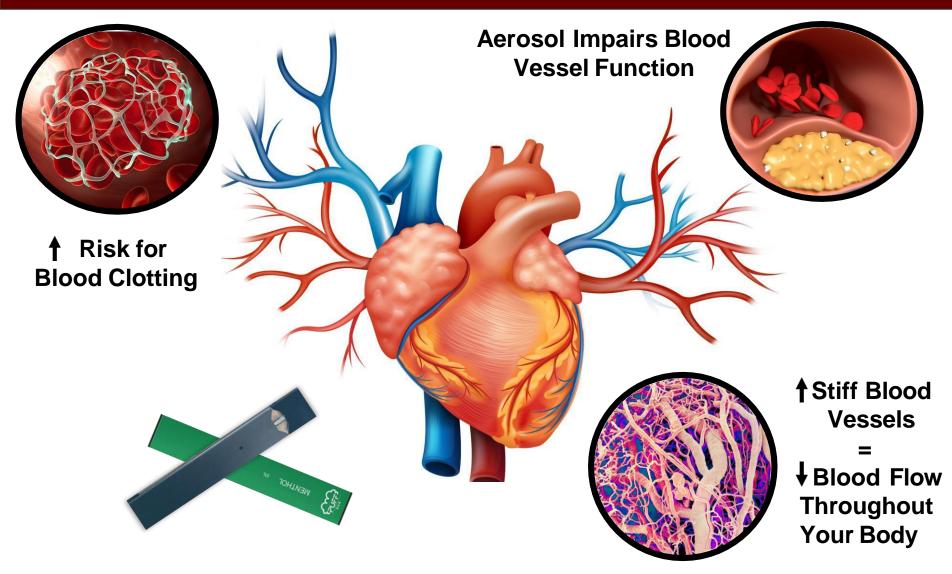
Most e-cigarettes contain nicotine. Nicotine is a highly addictive, harmful drug.

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**Weaker Immune Response to Infection** 

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# Short term health effects of e-cigarettes

- Coughing
- Wheezing
- Chest pain
- Shortness of breath
- Headache
- Lightheadedness
- Upset stomach
- Irritability
- Inability to focus
- Sleeplessness
- Anxiety
- Depression



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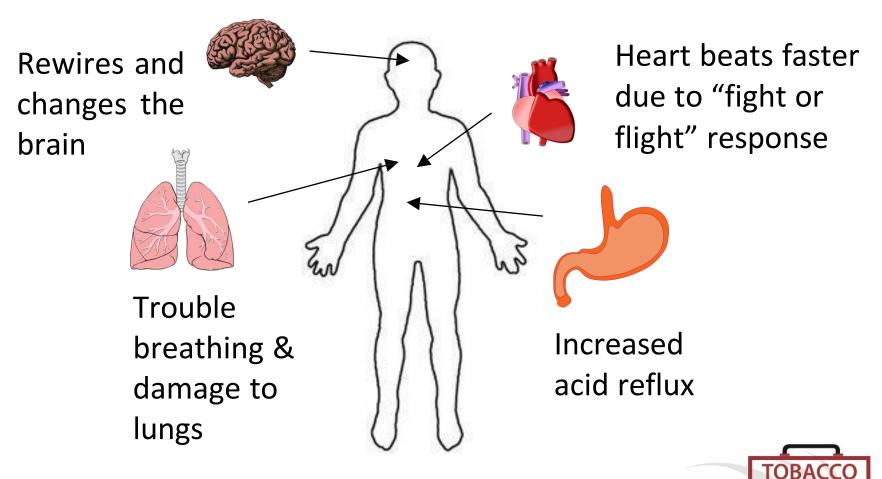
# Long term health effects of e-cigarettes

- E-cigarette and vaping associated lung injury (EVALI)
- Collapsed lung
- Increased asthma attacks
- Seizures
- COVID-19 risk
- Increased risk of heart attacks
- Weakened immune system



Image credit: CDC.gov

### The Body on Nicotine



#### **Nicotine and Addiction**

- The adolescent brain is uniquely susceptible to nicotine addiction
- Nicotine from vapes reaches the brain within 10 seconds
- Rewiring brain pathways
- Animal studies show that nicotine exposure has effects including:
  - Brain cell damage
  - Immediate and persistent behavior changes

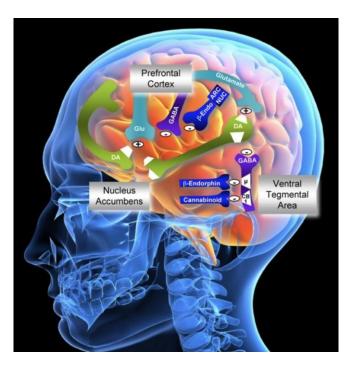


Image credit: Professor Billy O'Connor, inside-thebrain.com

















#### **MONTHS AFTER DEADLINE FOR FDA ACTION ON E-CIGARETTES,**

# **WHAT'S LEFT ON THE MARKET?**

- KID-FRIENDLY FLAVORED E-CIGARETTES AND E-LIQUIDS
- THE BEST-SELLING E-CIGARETTE BRANDS
- THE MOST POPULAR E-CIGARETTE BRANDS AMONG YOUTH
- **▶** DISPOSABLE E-CIGARETTES IN KID-FRIENDLY FLAVORS



## **Summary**

- E-cigs are marketed to children
- Puff Bar, Bidi, Kang vape, Elf Bar, and JUUL contain high levels of nicotine, the addictive substance used to hook smokers
- E-cigs are not a safe alternative to smoking
- E-cigs contain dangerous, cancer-causing chemicals
- E-cigs are largely unregulated

To promote an environment free of commercial tobacco in primary and secondary schools, the Public Health Law Center has prepared a comprehensive model policy that school districts and schools may adopt.

#### The policy:

- -Provides a definition of commercial tobacco products to include current and future tobacco products;
- -Prohibits the following items on campus (inside and outside buildings) and at off-campus, school-sponsored events: Tobacco products and tobacco-related devices, including electronic cigarettes,
- -Imitation tobacco products (such as candy cigarettes), and Lighters;
- -Prohibits accepting any donations or curriculum from any tobaccorelated industry;
- -Prohibits any promotion of tobacco products, including electronic cigarette products; and
- -Includes effective and holistic enforcement options for student violations beyond suspension and expulsion.

\*Include cessation/protect school and students



#### **How Can I Prevent Students From Vaping?**

- **1. Educational Curriculum:** Directed to students, teachers, parents
- **2. Be aware:** know the signs of tobacco use
- **3. School Policies:** Ensure there is a 100% tobacco-free policy
- 4. Focus on Health: Offer local resources to address youth nicotine addiction, not simply punish youth users. Talk to your pediatrician/counselor.
- 5. Nurture open lines of communication
- Local, State, and National Advocacy Groups

'I Can't Stop': Schools Struggle With Vaping Explosion



### Signs and Symptoms of Vaping Addiction

Answering yes to any of these questions means it's time to get help quitting.

Need to vape as soon as you wake up or during class
Feel anxious or irritable when you want to vape
Have trouble concentrating or sleeping
Keep vaping even though you know it's bad for you
☐ Find yourself reaching for your vape without thinking about it
$\square$ Get interrupted by thoughts about vaping throughout the day

# **Tips to Quitting**

- Talk to your doctor or pediatrician
- Pick a quit date
- Avoid triggers
- Replace with a healthy choice
- Use Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT)
- Get support

# What resources can I share with students to help them quit vaping?

- 1-800-Quit-Now
  - Regular phone counseling
  - 8 weeks of free nicotine replacement therapy for those 18+
- Truth Initiative This is Quitting (13-24 yrs)
  - Text VAPEFREEAL to 88709
  - DITCHVAPE to 88709
  - Text based coaching
  - BecomeAnEx (25+)
- Smokefree.gov
- Educate, support, and encourage



QUITNOWALABAMA.COM 1-800-784-8669



#### THIS IS QUITTING

The first-of-its-kind program to help young people quit vaping, This is Quitting has helped more than 250,000 youth and young adults on their journey to quit vaping. Learn more about how it works and the additional resources available for parents of young vapers and for adults who want to quit.

Teens and young adults can join for free by texting DITCHVAPE to 88709

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