

TALK WITH YOUR KIDS ABOUT THE DANGERS OF VAPING

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Introduction

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- Help people quit using tobacco/nicotine
- Protect everyone from secondhand smoke
- Prevent youth from starting to use tobacco/nicotine

Funded by the Massachusetts Tobacco Cessation and Prevention program, a Community Partnership in your region can provide **free** resources to your community.



Agenda

- 1. Why we are here
- 2. Vaping 101
- 3. Frequently Asked Questions
- 4. Tobacco & Vaping Industry Tactics
- 5. What you can do

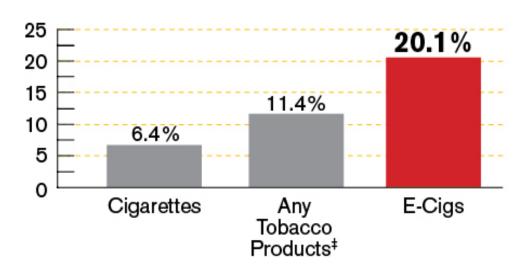


Youth use of vaping products

In 2017 41.1% of MA high school youth had ever used e-cigarettes.

High school youth current use of e-cigarettes was higher than use of any other tobacco products combined

Current[†] Use of Tobacco and Vaping Products by MA High School Youth, 2017



[‡] Any tobacco defined as cigarettes, cigars (including little cigars and cigarillos), and smokeless tobacco (chewing tobacco, snuff, dip)

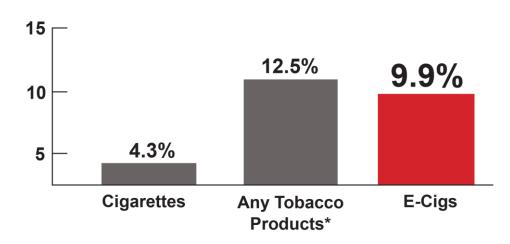


[†] Use in the past 30 days

Youth use of vaping products - MS

In 2017 nearly 10% of MA middle school youth had ever used e-cigarettes.

Ever-Use of Tobacco Products Among MA Middle School Students, 2017

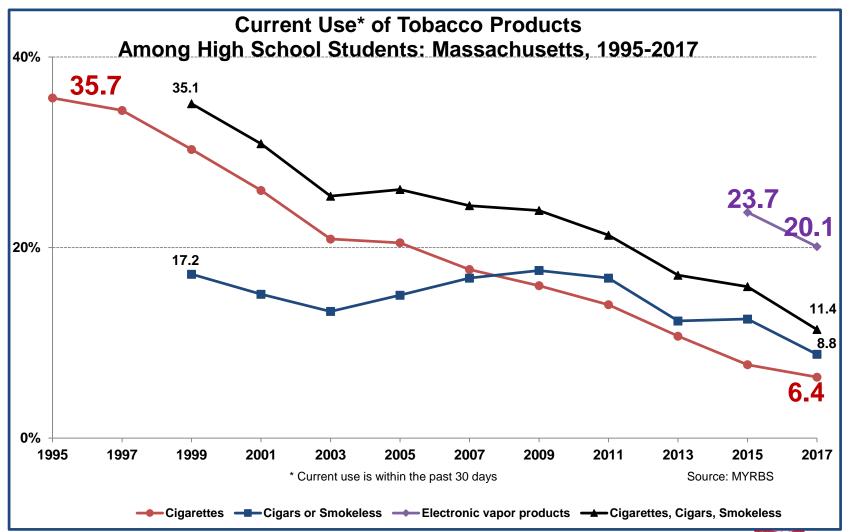


*Ever-use of cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco or electronic nicotine products Source: MYHS

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We've come a long way





VAPING 101

What do they look like? Is it just water vapor?





The New Look of Nicotine Addiction





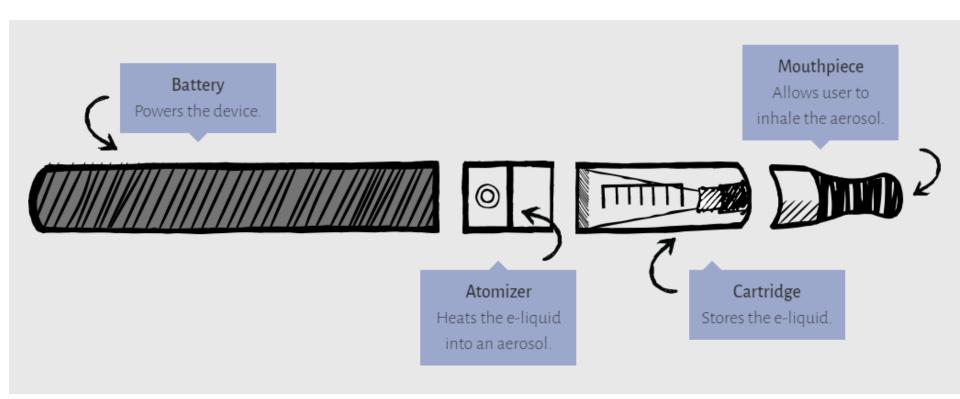
What is vaping?

- Inhaling/exhaling the aerosol (often called vapor) produced by an e-cigarette or similar battery-powered device
- Called e-cigs, vape pens, e-hookahs, epipes, tanks, mods, vapes, electronic nicotine delivery systems, or ENDS, and more
- Sometimes referred to by brand names such as JUUL (JUULing), BO, Blu, and others





How it works





Types of products



Disposable E-cigarettes



Vape Pens





Tank Systems



Rechargeable E-cigarettes











Pods









JUUL (JUULing)





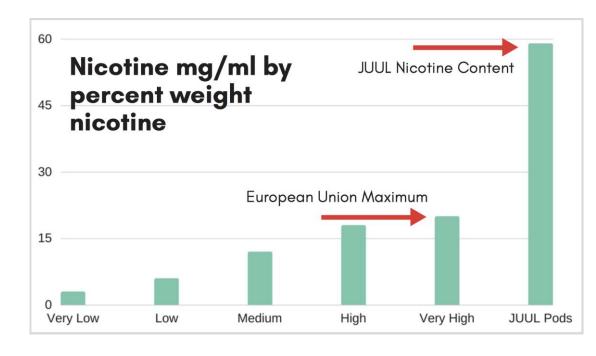






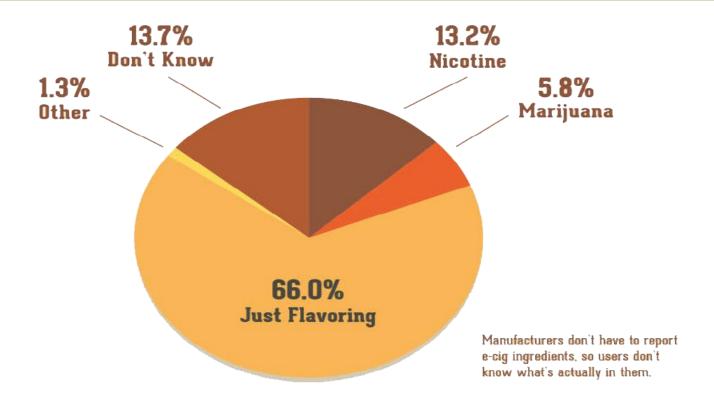
Nicotine content in JUUL







WHAT DO TEENS SAY IS IN THEIR E-CIG?3







New and emerging products











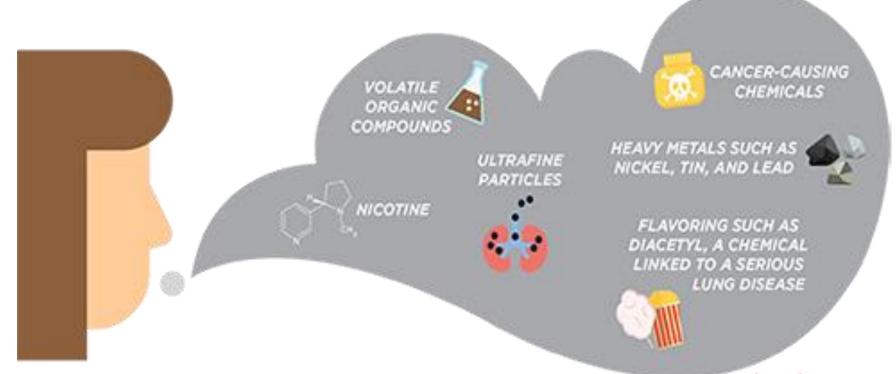






Vapor vs. Aerosol

- Produces an aerosol, <u>NOT</u> water vapor
- Aerosol can contain harmful substances:





Adolescents are especially harmed by nicotine

- Nicotine affects a young person's developing brain. Brain development continues through the mid-20s.
- Effects of youth nicotine exposure include:
 - lower impulse control
 - depression or mood disorders
 - disruption of brain circuits that control learning
 - can prime young brains for future drug addiction



Nicotine

 Vaping devices and e-cigarettes contain nicotine—a highly addictive substance

People who start smoking or using tobacco products in adolescence, smoke more and have a harder time quitting than people who start as adults²

Youth who use e-cigarettes are more likely to become traditional cigarette smokers¹



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Are e-cigarettes safe?

- E-cigarettes are not safe for youth, young adults, pregnant women, or adults who do not currently use tobacco products (CDC)
 - Contains <u>nicotine</u> and other chemicals
- More research is needed to understand the long-term health effects
- Secondhand vape is also unsafe



What are other dangers of e-cigarettes/vape pens?

- Defective e-cigarette batteries have caused fires and explosions
- Nicotine poisoning
 - Acute nicotine exposure can be toxic
 - Children and adults have been poisoned by swallowing, breathing, or absorbing e-cigarette liquid through their skin or eyes.



Can e-cigarettes be used to vape other substances?

- Yes!
- Open systems require the user to add the ejuice, which can be a substance other than nicotine (including marijuana and other illicit drugs).
- Closed systems (those that use pre-filled pods) can also be altered to vape substances other than nicotine.



How do we know if our students/youth are vaping?

 Unexplained Sweet Scent – might be a flavored e-juice for a vaping device

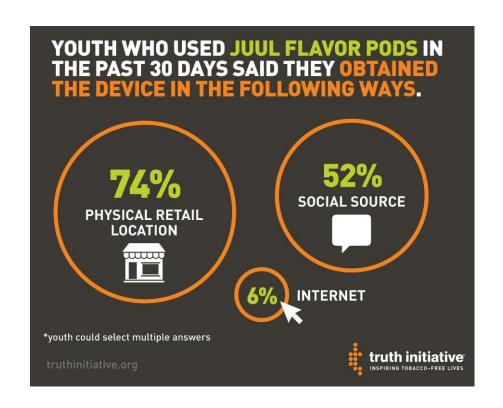


 Unfamiliar Products – If you come across unusual pens or USB drives or an unfamiliar battery or battery charging device, they could be associated with vaping



Where are kids getting e-cigarettes?

- Directly from a retailer
- Friends & social sources
- Online stores
 - Accept Visa gift cards





SAME TACTICS, DIFFERENT PRODUCTS

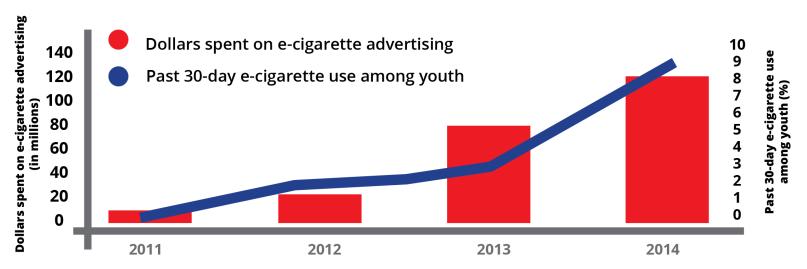
"Today's teenager is tomorrow's potential regular customer, and the overwhelming majority of smokers first begin to smoke while still in their teens... The smoking patterns of teenagers are particularly important to Philip Morris."

Philip Morris, Special Report, "Young Smokers: Prevalence, Trends, Implications, and Related Demographic Trends," March 31, 1981, Bates No. 1000390803.



Tobacco & Vaping Industries Tactics

E-cigarette use among youth is rising as e-cigarette advertising grows



Source: National Youth Tobacco Survey, 2011-2014; Kim et al (2014), Truth Initiative (2015)



Industry tactics

The tobacco and vaping industries target young people by making their products:

- Sweet
- Cheap
- Easy to Get



Sweet





Sweet

- E-liquids and juices contain flavorings
- Thousands of sweet and fruity flavors to pick from (chocolate, cotton candy, fruit punch, mango...)
- Flavors appeal to youth
- Flavors may make vaping seem harmless













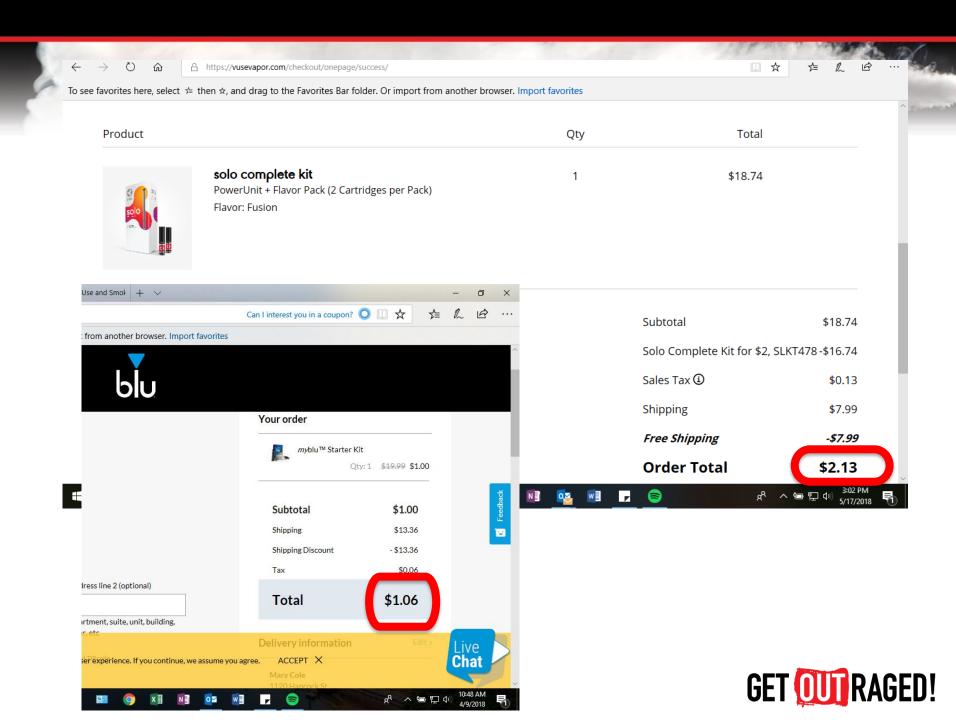
Cheap

 Products are often inexpensive—special offers and coupon codes make them cheap

 Low prices create impulse buys

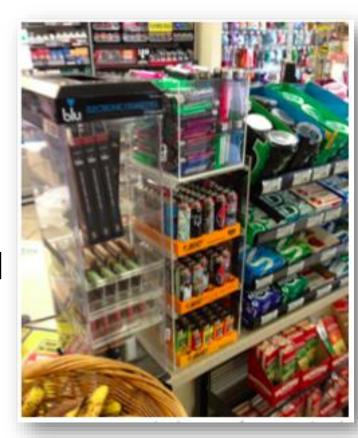




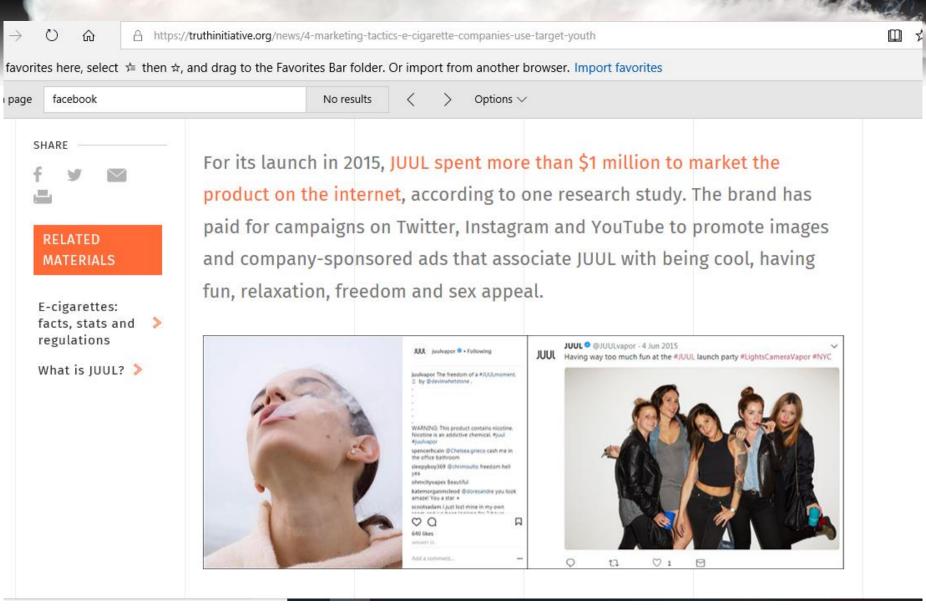


Easy to get

- Vaping products are everywhere—corner stores, gas stations, vape shops, online
- Availability sends the message that these products are normal and fine
- The more youth see them, the more likely they are to buy and use









WHAT YOU CAN DO

How can you make a difference?



What you can do - know state laws

- State law effective December 31, 2018
 - Raises the minimum legal sales age for tobacco (including e-cigarettes) to 21
 - Includes e-cigarettes in the definition of tobacco
 - Expands the Smoke-Free Workplace Law to include e-cigarettes
 - Bans the sale of tobacco (including e-cigarettes) in pharmacies, hospitals, or other entities that offer health care services or employ licensed health care providers



What can you do?

- Support town/city tobacco regulations
 - Flavored Tobacco Regulation
 - Includes menthol, mint, and wintergreen
 - Cigar Packaging Regulation
 - Retail Permit Capping Regulation
- Visit "My Community" on <u>makesmokinghistory.org</u> to learn more





Educate Yourself

The New Look of Nicotine Addiction (Massachusetts Tobacco Cessation & Prevention Program)

www.GetOutraged.org

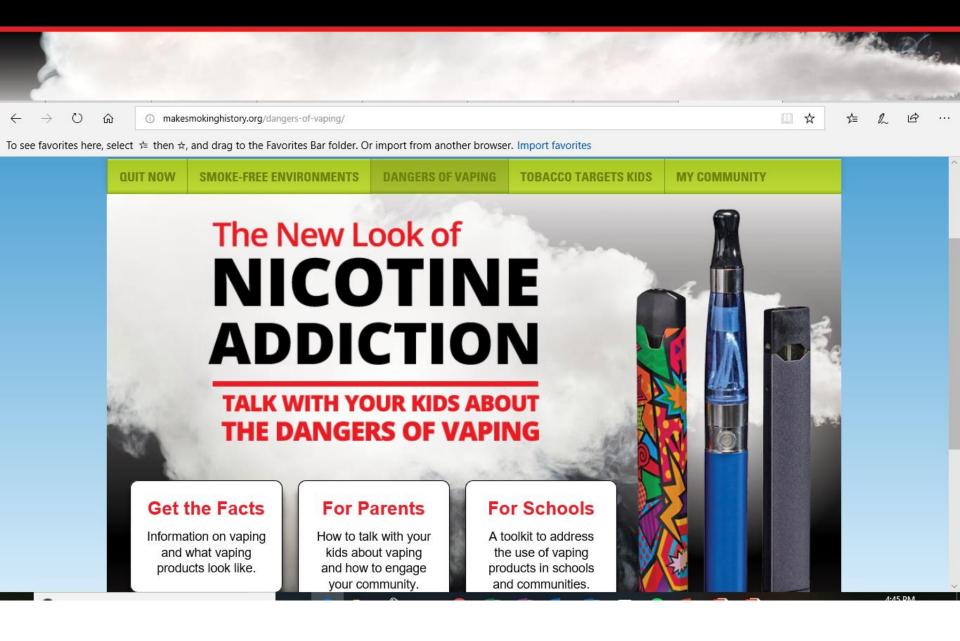
Surgeon General: E-Cigarettes & Young People

www.e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/

Centers for Disease Control: Electronic Cigarettes

 https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/ecigarettes/index.htm







Massachusetts Clearinghouse

- Order or download free materials for events
 - Frequently asked questions
 - Tips for talking with kids
 - Fact sheet
 - Poster
 - No smoking/vaping sticker



https://massclearinghouse.ehs.state.ma.us/



Share the facts about vaping with your community

- Partner with me to use local media outlets and all your communication channels to share local facts about vaping.
 - Newspapers, newsletters, magazines, blogs
 - Radio, podcasts
 - Community Access TV, YouTube



Social Media

- Share Make
 Smoking History
 content on your
 organizations
 social media
 accounts
 - Facebook
 - Twitter





Schools can Adopt Best-Practice Curriculums

- <u>E-Cigarette Prevention: CATCH My Breath</u> CATCH (Coordinated Approach to Child Health)
- <u>The Tobacco Prevention Toolkit</u> Stanford University School of Medicine
- ASPIRE MD Anderson Center.
- <u>smokeSCREEN: A Smoking Prevention Videogame</u> play2PREVENT
- Get Smart about Tobacco: Health and Science Education Program Scholastic
- The Real Cost of Vaping: Understanding the Dangers of Teen E-cigarette
 Use Collaboration between the U.S. Food and Drug Administration
 and Scholastic.
- Resources on substance use disorder prevention (not specific to tobacco/nicotine).
 - For middle schools only: <u>Project Here</u>



The 84

- The 84 is a statewide movement of youth fighting tobacco in MA.
 - Formed through local organizations or high schools.
 - Youth educate peers and community members about the influence of the tobacco and vaping industries.
 - Participate in Kick Butts Day, an annual event at the MA State House.







Talk with kids as a trusted adult

- Provide them with facts about vaping
 - E-cigarettes contain nicotine
- Dispel the myths
 - It is not harmless water vapor
- Tell them the tobacco and vaping industries are targeting them to make money and hook them on their products
- Ask them what they see and what they think



Survey students about their vaping & tobacco use

- <u>Sample Surveillance Questions</u> about tobacco, ecigarettes, and marijuana use are available for school districts when designing surveys.
 - Available in school toolkit at www.GetOutraged.org



Youth Campaign

- Website: www.mass.gov/vaping
- Instagram:@GetTheVapeFacts
- YouTube (<u>MassDPH</u>): <u>Vapes & Cigarettes.</u> Get the Facts.
- Posters, handouts, mirror clings available through the Massachusetts Clearinghouse
 - https://massclearingh ouse.ehs.state.ma.us/





Posters, Handouts, Mirror Clings





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Youth Campaign

- Paid digital media campaign to reach youth directly
 - Display and video ads on websites that youth frequent
 - Instagram ads
 - YouTube animated videos
 - Spotify (online radio)
 - Snapchat ads
- MassDOT Billboards



Quit E-Cigarette Resources for Youth

- Truth Initiative
 - Text "QUIT" to (202) 804-9884
 - Users can also enroll in <u>This is Quitting</u> or <u>BecomeAnEX®</u>, free digital quit programs from Truth Initiative that integrate the text program.
 - http://www.thisisquitting.com/
 - https://www.becomeanex.org/
- Smokefreeteen
 - https://teen.smokefree.gov/



MA Smokers Helpline

1-800-QUIT-NOW

- Tobacco & e-cigarette users can call for FREE phone counseling
- Will be coached, make a quit plan, and receive materials
- For adults: If callers meet certain medical eligibility requirements, four weeks of NRT is provided FREE of charge
- Friends and family, providers, educators, professionals, etc. can call



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