

TALK WITH YOUR KIDS ABOUT THE DANGERS OF VAPING

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Introduction

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- 1. Why we are here
- 2. Vaping 101
- 3. Tobacco and vaping industry tactics
- 4. Vaping policies and procedures
- 5. What you can do
- 6. Additional resources
- 7. Questions and discussion



Why are we here?



- We care about our youth
- To learn about how the tobacco and vaping industries target youth
- To learn about tobacco products both new and old

To learn about what you can do



WE CARE ABOUT OUR YOUTH

Nicotine addiction

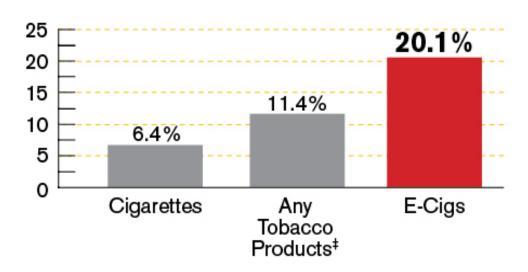


Youth use of vaping products

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

VAPING 101

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





What is vaping?

- Inhaling and 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, Blue, and others



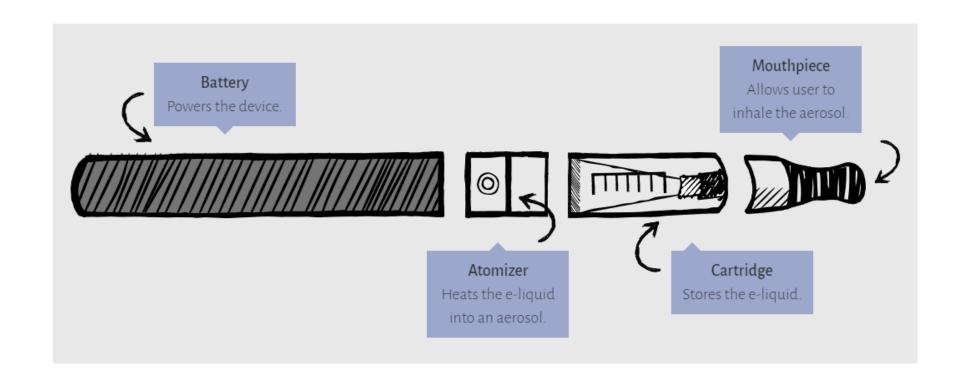


The New Look of Nicotine Addiction





How it works





Types of products



Rechargeable E-cigarettes (JUUL, myblu, and Bo)





JUUL

- JUUL is an e-cigarette/vaping device that is popular on high school and college campuses
- Looks like a USB flash drive and charges when plugged into a laptop
- Small enough to fit into the palm of a hand









Tank Systems



Vape Pens































Pods





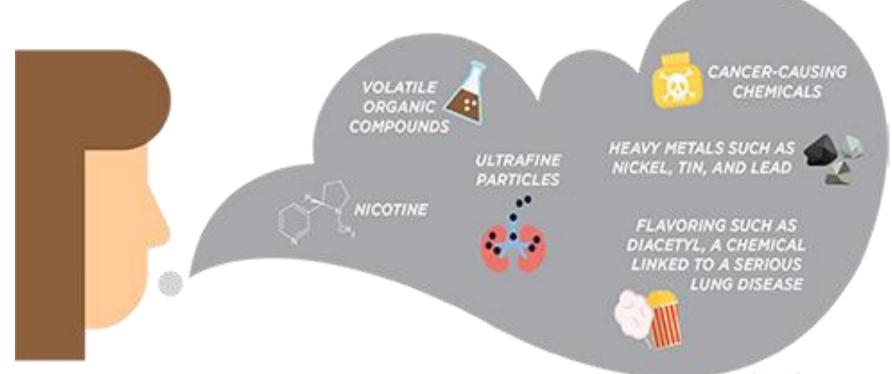






Vapor vs. Aerosol

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





Nicotine

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

 We can't be sure what is in these products or how much nicotine they contain



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

- Nicotine damages the developing adolescent brain
- Nicotine can prime the adolescent brain for addiction to other substances
- Youth who use e-cigarettes are more likely to become traditional cigarette smokers¹
- People who start smoking or using tobacco products in adolescence, smoke more and have a harder time quitting than people who start as adults²





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
- Secondhand vape is also unsafe

 More research is needed to understand the long-term health effects



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.

 Closed systems (those that use pre-filled pods/cartridges) can also be altered to vape substances other than nicotine.



How do we know if 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



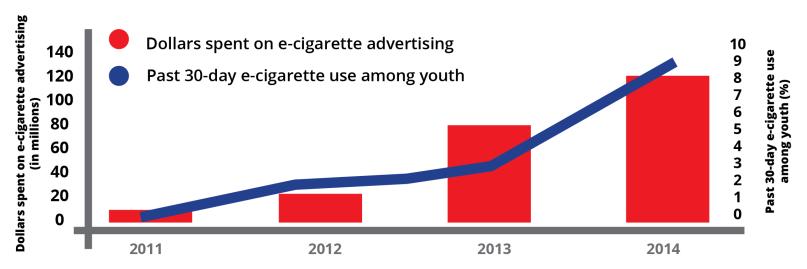
TOBACCO AND VAPING INDUSTRY TACTICS

The industries target youth with sweet, cheap, and easy to get products



Industry 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

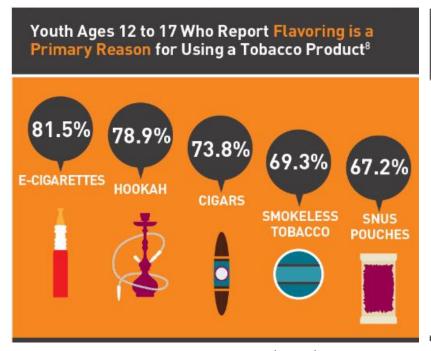
- E-liquids and juices contain flavorings
- Thousands of sweet and fruity flavors to pick from (chocolate, cotton candy, fruit punch, mango...)
- Flavors appeal to youth
- Flavors may make vaping seem harmless

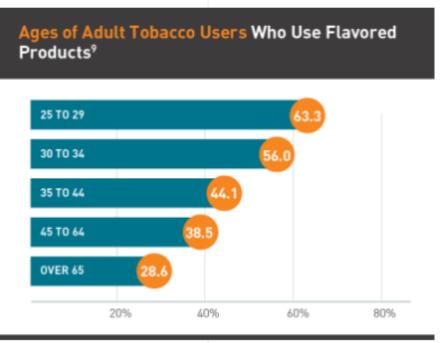




Sweet - Do flavors appeal to adults?

Younger people are more likely to use flavored products than older adults





Source: Truth Initiative, truthinitiative.org/news/flavored-tobacco-use-among-youth-and-young-adults



Cheap

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

 Low prices create impulse buys





Price increases are effective

- High price is the most effective way to reduce youth tobacco use
- Each 10% increase in price leads to a 7% reduction in youth smoking
- Youth cigarette smoking rate is at an historic low—
 6.4% in 2017



Easy to get

- Tobacco and vaping products are everywhere—corner stores, gas stations, vape shops, online
- Availability sends the message that these products are normal and fine
- Youth that are exposed to tobacco products in stores are more likely start smoking





SAME TACTICS, DIFFERENT PRODUCTS



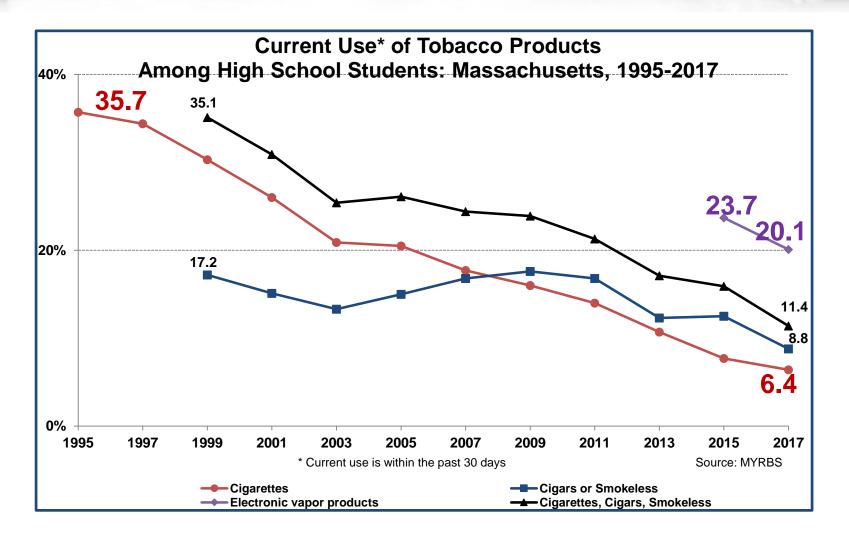
Recap of tactics and products

 Cigars, blunts, chew, etc. all are made sweet, cheap and easy to get, explicitly targeting youth

 Emergence of vaping products is taking a page out of the old playbook of industry tactics...



We've come a long way







WHAT YOU CAN DO

How can you make a difference?



What you can do

- Educate yourself be aware of what these products look like, what they might smell like, etc.
- Know laws, policies, and procedures
- The 84 Movement
- Talk with youth



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 ecigarettes
 - 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
- The "Education Reform Act"



What you can do – local policies

- Support town/city tobacco regulations
 - Retail Permit Capping Regulation
 - Flavored Tobacco Regulation
 - Cigar Packaging Regulation

 Visit "My Community" on <u>makesmokinghistory.org</u>
 to learn more





Sweet

As of July 2018, 106 municipalities in MA have passed policies that restrict the sale of flavored tobacco products to adult-only establishments.



Cheap

As of July 2018, 156 municipalities in MA have passed policies that restrict the sale of cheap, single cigars.





Easy to get

As of July 2018 104 municipalities have capped the number of tobacco retail licenses

As of September 2018 93 municipalities have prohibited issuing new tobacco permits within 500 feet of a school



Good News / Bad News

The Good News

- Local strategies work against tobacco industry tactics
 - In 2017, 11.4% of Massachusetts high school youth reported currently using any tobacco products compared to 23.9% in 2009

The Bad News

 Tobacco companies are using the same tactics to hook youth on other tobacco products, especially e-cigarettes.



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 youth as a trusted adult

- Provide them with facts about other tobacco products and vaping
 - E-cigarettes contain nicotine
- Dispel the myths about e-cigarettes
 - 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



Talk with your kids

- Be patient and ready to listen
- No "perfect time" to talk
- Ask your child what they think
- Be open and honest

Are you a tobacco user?

Just talking can protect them!



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For more information



Additional Resources

GetOutraged.org

- Facts about vaping
- For parents (tips on talking with your kids)
- For schools

Toolkit divided into information for Administrators; teachers; school health services. Contains information and resources.

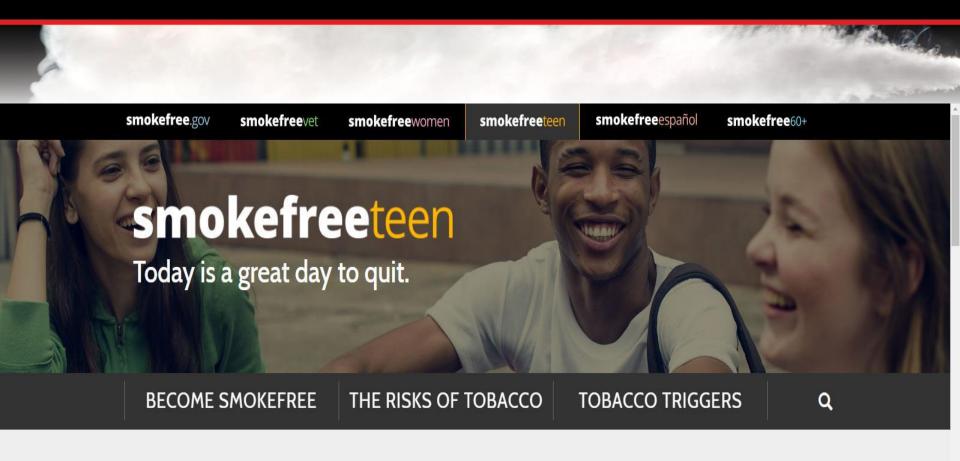
Massachusetts Health Promotion Clearinghouse

Print materials

Makesmokinghistory.org

 General information from the Massachusetts Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Program





Tools & Tips



QUESTIONS / DISCUSSION



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Make smoking history.



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