



# **Electronic Smoking Devices**

### What You Need to Know

- Electronic smoking devices (ESDs) are tobacco products that are sometimes called: JUULs, "vapes", and "vape pens".
- ESDs are battery-operated devices that simulate smoking. They contain cartridges typically filled with nicotine, flavorings, propylene glycol, and other substances.<sup>12</sup>
- ESD aerosol is not harmless. It can contain heavy metals, carcinogens and ultrafine particulates that can be inhaled into the lungs.<sup>1</sup>
- In 2015, 99% of ESDs sold in U.S. convenience stores, supermarkets and similar outlets contained nicotine.<sup>3</sup> Nicotine is addictive and can harm brain development in young people.
- Youth ESD use is an epidemic. Substantial evidence exists that youth ESD use increases the risk of using traditional cigarettes.<sup>4</sup>

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- The U.S. Surgeon General and the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine have warned about the risks of inhaling secondhand ESD emissions.
- In 2016, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) finalized a rule to regulate the sales, marketing and manufacturing of ESDs, but has since delayed. ESDs are currently unregulated.
- The Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act prohibits use of ESDs in public places and places of employment.
- There are seven FDA approved medications to help people quit tobacco. ESDs are not an FDAapproved smoking cessation aid.<sup>5</sup>

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#### Resources:

<sup>1</sup>CDC Office on Smoking and Healt Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems: Key Facts. July 2015.

<sup>2</sup>Vaporizers, E-Cigarettes, and other Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS). Retrieved from U.S. Food and Drug Administration website: http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/Labeling/ProductsIngredientsComponents/ucm456610.htm

<sup>3</sup>Marynak, Kristy et al. Sales of Nicotine-Containing Electronic Cigarette Products: United States, 2015. May 2017.

<sup>4</sup>National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine; Public Health Consequences of E-Cigarettes. January 2018.

<sup>5</sup>CDC Office on Smoking and Health; E-Cigarette Information. July 2015.



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