Kick Butts Day What are E-Cigarettes?

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What is "Kick Butts Day?"

· Day of activism against tobacco use

· Empowers youth to:



- Speak up
- Seize control







1,000 events planned across US and world

Tobacco Statistics

- Kills more than 400,000 people annually (more than AIDS, alcohol, car accidents, illegal drugs, murder, suicides COMBINED)
- New York → 23,600 adults will die each year from smoking
- New York → 280,000 kids under 18 will die prematurely from smoking
- 10% of our nations high school students say they have tried e-cigarettes (use doubled from 3.1% to 6.5% in a year)

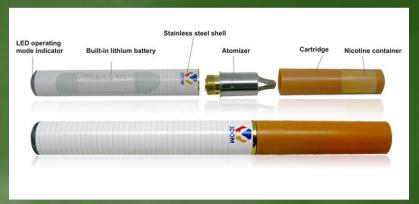






E-Cigarettes: What are they?

- · "Electronic"
- Battery operated
- Components:



- Cartridge-liquid solution with nicotine, flavorings, other chemicals
- Heating device (vaporizer)
- Rechargeable battery
- Also called: "hookah pens," "e-hookahs," "vape pipes"
- Nassau County: legal age to purchase cigarettes is 19
- Current bill to raise age to 21 and include e-cigarettes

E-Cigarettes: How do they work?

- 1. User puffs
- 2. Battery is activated

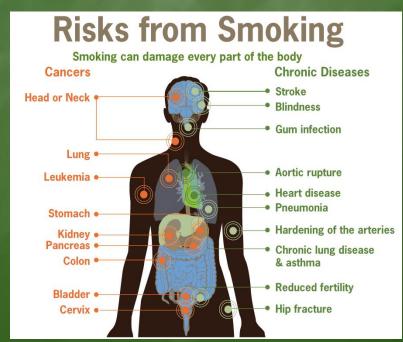


- 3. Heating device turns cartridge contents into a vapor
- 4. Vapor is inhaled ("vaped") by the user

E-Cigarettes: Why are they dangerous?

- FDA analysis:
 - Diethylene glycol (toxic chemical)
 - CARCINOGENS and nitrosamines (toxic)
 - Toxic metal nanoparticles
 - Nicotine- VERY ADDICTIVE-leads to other addictions





E-Cigarettes: The Backwards Effect

- What was their original purpose?
 - To help regular cigarette users quit



- Why did this not work?
 - They are a new route towards smoking and nicotine addiction for teens
- What's the Backwards Effect?
 - Teens who use e-cigarettes are MORE LIKELY to smoke regular cigarettes and LESS LIKELY to quit smoking

E-Cigarettes: Why are they so appealing?

- 2011→ tobacco companies spent \$8.8 billion (\$1 million every hour) to market e-cigarettes
- Tobacco industry → spent total of \$213.5 million
- Sheet with flavors
- Sheet with advertisements
- Freedom: companies are not yet
- subject to age regulations
- · Availability: mall kiosks, online



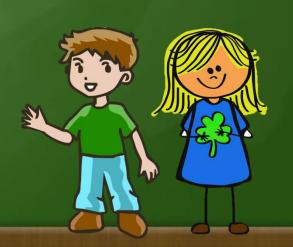






What can YOU do?

- · Talk about it with your parents
- Talk with school counselors, teachers, principals, etc.
- Just say "No!"; Come up with reasons to say No!
- BE AWARE OF THE FACTS
- Stay Involved in School and Community Activities that are fun, exciting, and healthy
- Be a Good Role Model to younger students
- Be Smart...Don't Start!



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