Vaping and E-Cigarettes



The following are potential bills being created as a statewide concerted effort to address issues arising with vaping/e-cigarettes. The bills look at the big picture and include criminal penalties, business licensing, and school-based education about the harmful effects of usage.

Utah Department of Health research found:

- The addictive nature is the same as cigarettes
- Vaping and e-cigs prime the brain for addiction
- Causes Long-term harm to brain development

Regulation

- Create an 87% tax on tobacco products, including cigarettes, cigars, vaping and e-cigarette goods.
- Add necessary definitions for vaping products and accessories.
- Clarify that all vaping and nicotine dispensing devices and products are illegal for underage minors.

Enforcement

- Address the problems with vape shops attracting, soliciting and selling to minors.
- Restrict the sale of flavored vape.
- RESOLUTION: Encourage the local health departs to cap the number of vape shops in an area.

Education

- Adds vaping and e-cigarettes as a curriculum components and expands content to the elementary school level.
- Provide consistent penalties for underage users.
- Create student engagement organizations that provide pro-social interventions, opportunities for connectiveness, service opportunities, clubs or programs.

WHAT IS IT:

Vape products, also known as electronic cigarettes, e-cigarettes, tanks, or mods, are battery powered devices that people use to inhale an aerosol. The aerosol typically contains nicotine, flavors, and other chemicals

The FACTS:



More than 80% of kids who use tabacco begin with flavored substances.



Adolescent E-cigarette users are **6 times** more likely to transition to cigarettes as adults.

In addition to nicotine, e-cigarettes can contain substances that harm the body.



28 lung disease cases

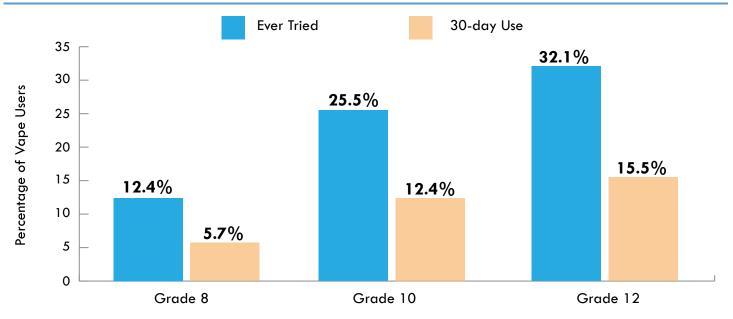
28 cases associated with vaping nicotine or THC have been reported in Utah as of 9/3/19.

Source: Utah Department of Health

Student Use Research

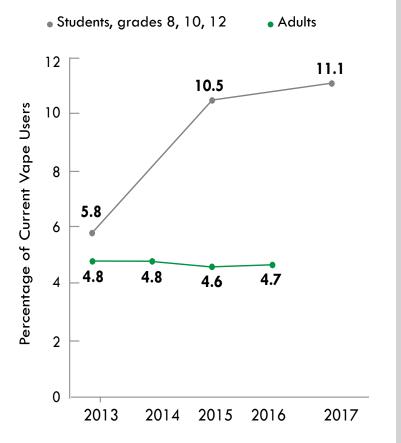


Vape Experimentation and use among Utah students grades 8, 10, 12 (2017)



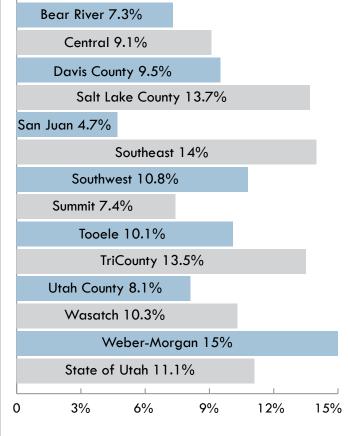
Source: Utah Prevention Needs Assessment

Vape Product Use Over Time for Utah Students and Adults



Source: Utah Prevention Needs Assessment

Electronic Cigarettes Current Use by Local Health District, Utah Students in Grades 8, 10, & 12 (2017)



Source: Utah Department of Health