

## BURDEN FACTS

- Almost half of Montana high school students have tried electronic vapor products; **30%** currently use them.<sup>1</sup>
- The percentage of Montana adults who have tried electronic vapor products increased significantly from **11%** in 2013 to **20%** in 2016.<sup>2</sup>
- In addition to nicotine, electronic vapor products can contain heavy metals, ultrafine particulate, and cancer-causing agents like acrolein.<sup>3</sup>

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## What are Electronic-Vapor Products?

These are products that heat a liquid into an aerosol that the user inhales. The liquid contains nicotine, as well as varying compositions of flavoring, propylene glycol, glycerin, and other ingredients. E-vapor products include the following:

- **E-cigarettes**
- **Vape pens**
- **E-cigars**
- **E-hookahs**



## What are the Risks of Using E-Vapor Products?

E-vapor products contain **nicotine**, a highly addictive and unsafe substance that affects the developing brain.

- Youth use of nicotine in any form is unsafe. Because the adolescent brain is still developing, nicotine use during adolescence can disrupt the formation of brain circuits that control attention, learning, and susceptibility to addiction.<sup>4</sup>
- Nicotine is harmful for pregnant women. Nicotine is toxic to developing fetuses and impairs fetal brain and lung development.<sup>4,5</sup>

Some manufacturers claim that the use of propylene glycol, glycerin, and food flavorings is safe because they meet the FDA definition of “Generally Recognized as Safe” (GRAS).

- However, GRAS status applies to additives for use in foods, NOT for inhalation.
- The health effects of inhaling these vaporized substances are currently unknown.<sup>6</sup>

## Trying to Quit? Use the Montana Tobacco Quit Line!

The Montana Tobacco Quit Line is a free service available to all Montanans ready to quit tobacco. Counseling and FDA-approved nicotine replacement therapies, when used in combination, have been shown to be a safe and effective way to quit.

Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW or visit [www.QuitNowMontana.com](http://www.QuitNowMontana.com) to enroll today.

## E-Vapor Products are NOT an FDA-approved Quit Aid

Currently, the evidence is insufficient to conclude that e-vapor products are effective for smoking cessation.

- Seven medicines are approved by the FDA for smoking cessation, and are proven safe and effective when used as directed.

## Increased Marketing of E-cigarettes by Tobacco Industry

Cigarette advertisements have been banned from television in the US since 1971. However, e-vapor products are not under these same restrictions and are aggressively marketed.

- E-cigarette advertising expenditures in the US have increased dramatically from **\$5.6 million** in 2010 to **\$115.3 million** in 2014.<sup>7</sup>

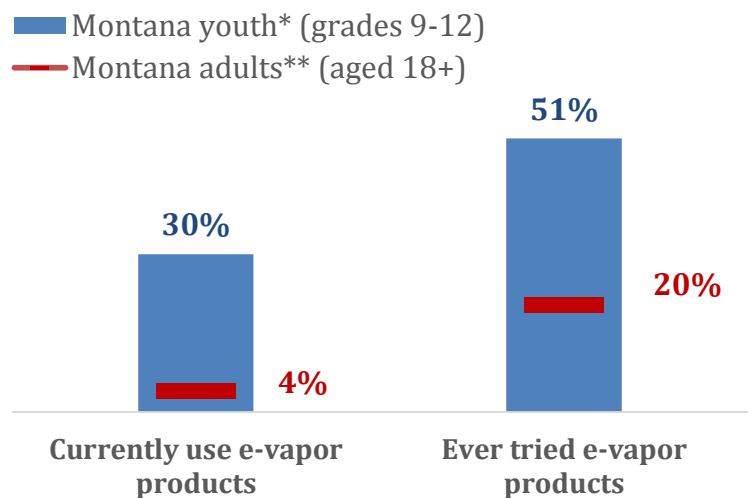
## Regulation Progress

- As of January 2016, Montana retailers are prohibited from selling or distributing alternative nicotine products, or vapor products, to individuals under the age of 18 years, whether over the counter, by vending machine, or otherwise and are also required to purchase a license to sell these products.<sup>8</sup>
- As of August 2016, three Montana counties have local e-cigarette restrictions in place that prohibit the use of e-cigarettes in indoor public places.

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## Electronic Vapor Product Use in Montana



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