



## Risks of E-Cigarettes for Kids, Teens and Young Adults?

- Most e-cigarettes contain nicotine. Nicotine is highly addictive and can harm adolescent brain development, which continues into the early to mid-20's.
- E-cigarettes can contain other harmful substances besides nicotine.
- Young people who use e-cigarettes may be more likely to smoke cigarettes in the future.
- Using nicotine in adolescence may also increase the risk for future addiction to other drugs.
- Using nicotine in adolescence can harm the parts of the brain that control attention, learning, mood and impulse control.

The above facts were sourced from U.S. Department of Health & Human Services



## Who We Are

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## POSSESSION OF TOBACCO AND VAPING DEVICE BY MINORS

A GUIDE TO CONNECTICUT'S UNDERAGE TOBACCO AND VAPING LAWS

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## What are E-cigarettes?

- E-cigarettes are electronic devices that heat a liquid and produce an aerosol or mix of small particles in the air.
- E-cigarettes come in many shapes and sizes. Most have a battery, a heating element and a place to hold a liquid.
- Some e-cigarettes look like regular cigarettes, cigars or pipes. Some look like USB flash drives, pens and other everyday items. Larger devices, such as tank systems, or “mods”, do not look like other tobacco products.
- E-cigarettes are known by many different name. They are sometimes called “e-cigs”, “e-hookahs”, “mods”, “vape pens”, “vapes”, “tank systems” and “electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS)”.
- Using an e-cigarette is sometimes called “vaping” or “JUULing”.

Summary	Statute	Penalty
The selling, giving or delivering any tobacco product to a person under 18 is prohibited.	CGS §53-344	The penalty is a fine not more than \$200 for the first offense, not more than \$350 for a second offense within a 24-month period and not more than \$500 for each subsequent offense within a 24-month period.
The purchase, misrepresentation of their age to purchase or the possession in any public place of any tobacco product by a person under the age of 18 is prohibited.	CGS §53-344(b)	The penalty is a fine not more than \$50 for the first offense and not less than \$50 or more than \$100 for each subsequent offense.
The selling , giving or delivering to any person under eighteen years of age an electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product in any form is prohibited.	CGS §53-344(b)	The penalty is a fine not more than \$200 for the first offense, not more than \$350 for a second offense within a 24-month period and not more than \$500 for each subsequent offense within a 24-month period.
Any person under eighteen years of age who purchases or misrepresents such person's age to purchase an electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product in any form or possesses an electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product in any form in any public place is prohibited.	CGS §53-344(b)	The penalty is a fine not more than \$50 for the first offense and not less than \$50 or more than \$100 for each subsequent offense.
The use of any electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product by any person in a public building, or a school, regardless of age, is prohibited.	CGS § 19a-342a	This offense is classified as an infraction, \$120.00 fine.