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# Vaping and Oral Health



### Vaping by the Numbers

- More than 10 million adults use e-cigarettes ("vape" tobacco products)
- There was a 78% increase in use of e-cigarettes by high school students from 2017 to 2018
- 1 in 5 high schoolers report vaping

#### Vaping FAQ

Are e-cigarettes safer than traditional cigarettes? E-liquids contain nicotine and other chemicals that affect the mouth and body. More research is needed to understand all of the safety concerns

#### What are the risks to vaping?

Since e-cigarettes are so new to the market, there is little research on the long-term effects. But the known risks include addiction, childhood nicotine poisoning and burns caused by device explosions.

Are e-cigarettes less addictive than regular cigarettes?

In fact, some e-liquid pods contain the same amount of nicotine in a single one as an entire pack of cigarettes. Nicotine affects concentration and executive decision-making skills, particularly in the adolescent brain.

#### Does vaping help you to guit smoking?

For teenagers, vaping increases the likelihood of smoking regular cigarettes. Other cessation options have more research to prove their effectiveness.

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