

# Electronic Smoking Devices:

## What You Need to Know



### State and Local Smokefree Workplace Laws

The use of electronic smoking devices are prohibited where smoking is currently not allowed by law (ORS 433.835-870; BCC Chapter 18, Ord. 2014-0259; CMC Section 5.03.080.160, Ord. 2013-17). This includes enclosed work places and public places; within 10 feet of a door, window, intake vent, or accessibility ramp; and in Corvallis city-owned or managed parks and recreational areas.

It is also illegal to sell electronic smoking devices to minors.

### What are electronic smoking devices?

Electronic smoking devices are also called e-cigarettes, e-hookah, or vape pens. When users inhale from the end of an electronic smoking device, a battery heats a liquid solution into a vapor that consists of nicotine, flavor additives and other chemicals. The devices are also used to inhale hash oil (marijuana resin).

Electronic smoking devices come in many different varieties including:

- Models that are rechargeable or disposable;
- Shapes that look like common products, such as pens, flash drives, and lipstick; and
- Candy and fruit flavors.

### What are the concerns and potential risks of electronic smoking devices?

- Appeal to and addiction of children
- Displacement of effective cessation
- Chemical contamination
- Uncontrolled levels of nicotine
- Misleading advertising of contents
- Long-term effects of inhaling propylene glycol
- Accidental nicotine poisoning of young children



Above: A cigarette (far left) compared to a variety of electronic smoking devices.

### Other areas in Benton County that prohibit use of electronic smoking devices:

- All Benton County government property, including parks and natural areas
- Oregon State University campus
- Samaritan Health Services campus
- Corvallis School District 509J property
- Philomath School District 17J property

### For help with quitting, call the Oregon Tobacco Quit Line at 1-800-QUIT-NOW.

Smokers who use FDA-approved medications or counseling are twice as likely to quit successfully.

For more information, please call the Benton County Health Department at 541-766-6033.