

# E-CIGARETTES: A GROWING CONCERN

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# NOT JUST WATER VAPOR

IT'S **NOT** JUST  
"HARMLESS WATER VAPOR"

E-cigarette aerosol contains  
at least **10 chemicals** on  
California's Prop 65 list of  
chemicals known to cause  
**cancer, birth defects or other  
reproductive harm.**



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ACETALDEHYDE  
BENZENE  
CADMIUM  
FORMALDEHYDE  
ISOPRENE  
LEAD  
NICKEL  
NICOTINE  
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# NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES REPORT

## EXPOSURE TO E-CIGARETTE AEROSOL

**Conclusive evidence** that e-cigarette use increases airborne concentrations of particulate matter and nicotine in indoor environments compared with background levels

**Conclusive evidence** that in addition to nicotine, most e-cigarette products contain and emit numerous potentially toxic substances

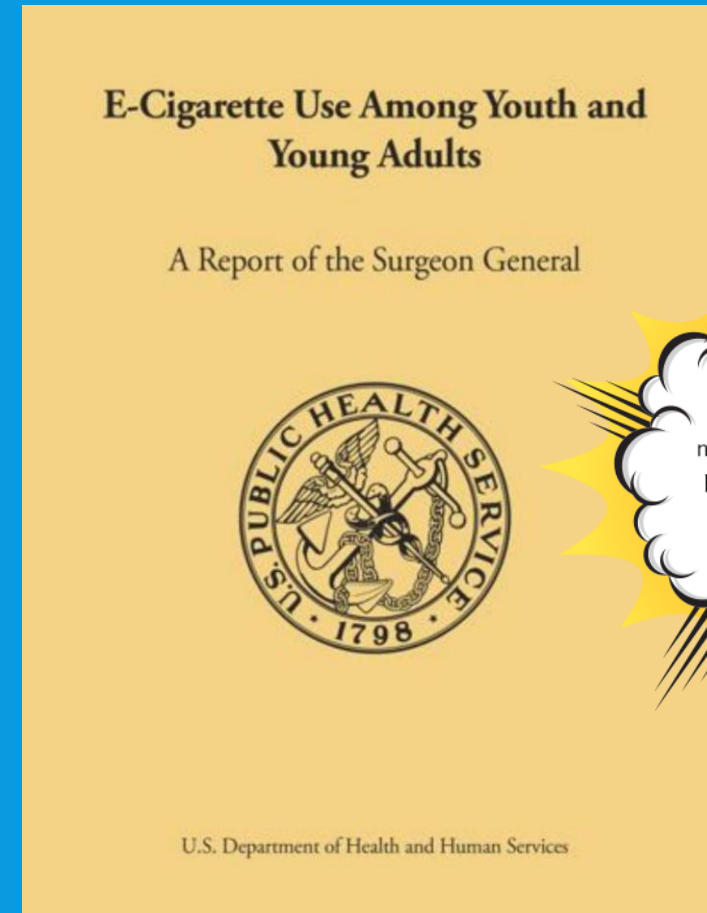
**Substantial evidence** that e-cigarette aerosol contains metals



# US SURGEON GENERAL REPORT

## E-CIGARETTE USE AMONG YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

- Flavors in e-cigarettes are one of the main reasons youth use them
- E-cigarette aerosol is not safe
- E-cigarette use is strongly associated with the use of other tobacco products among youth and young adults



E-cigarettes contain nicotine, ultrafine particles, heavy metals, and volatile organic compounds.

# MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL WATCHDOG REPORT

## Exposure to diacetyl and onset of bronchiolitis obliterans

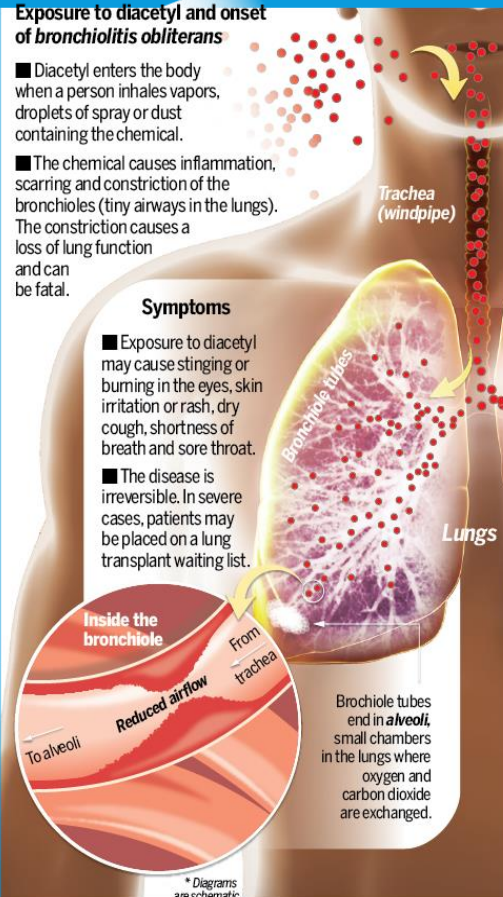
■ Diacetyl enters the body when a person inhales vapors, droplets of spray or dust containing the chemical.

■ The chemical causes inflammation, scarring and constriction of the bronchioles (tiny airways in the lungs). The constriction causes a loss of lung function and can be fatal.

### Symptoms

■ Exposure to diacetyl may cause stinging or burning in the eyes, skin irritation or rash, dry cough, shortness of breath and sore throat.

■ The disease is irreversible. In severe cases, patients may be placed on a lung transplant waiting list.



## LAB TESTS FIND HARMFUL CHEMICALS IN E-JUICE



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Scott Reid, a professor and chair of Marquette University's chemistry department, found diacetyl and another lung-destroying chemical in five e-liquid samples bought from vape shops around Milwaukee. To view photo galleries, go to

WATCHDOG REPORTS | GASPING FOR ACTION | WATCHDOG UPDATE

## Cases tie e-cigarettes to lung injuries, pneumonia



Two recent cases are among the first to highlight severe lung injuries physicians say are related to the use of e-cigarettes and other vaping devices. Credit: Associated Press

By Raquel Rutledge of the Journal Sentinel

Oct. 29, 2015

A 31-year-old West Virginia woman with no prior lung disease contracted what doctors say is a rare form of pneumonia after inhaling vapor from electronic cigarettes.

The woman had been vaping for about three months before being admitted to a hospital this year with a chronic cough. Soon after, she went into respiratory failure and was put on a ventilator, according to the doctors who treated her.

# NOT APPROVED TO HELP PEOPLE QUIT

## FDA-approved methods to help people quit

Nicotine patch

Nicotine gum

Nicotine lozenge

Nicotine inhaler

Nicotine nasal spray

Varenicline (Chantix)

Bupropion SR (Zyban)

**Note: E-cigarettes are NOT an approved cessation device**

Source: <https://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm198176.htm>



A TIP FROM A FORMER SMOKER

I started using e-cigarettes but kept smoking. Right up until my lung collapsed.

Kristy, age 35, Tennessee

Kristy had smoker's cough and severe shortness of breath. She tried using e-cigarettes to cut down on her smoking. She thought cutting down would make her feel better, but it didn't. She kept smoking cigarettes until her lung collapsed.

Even smoking a few cigarettes a day is dangerous. You can quit smoking. CALL 1-800-QUIT-NOW.



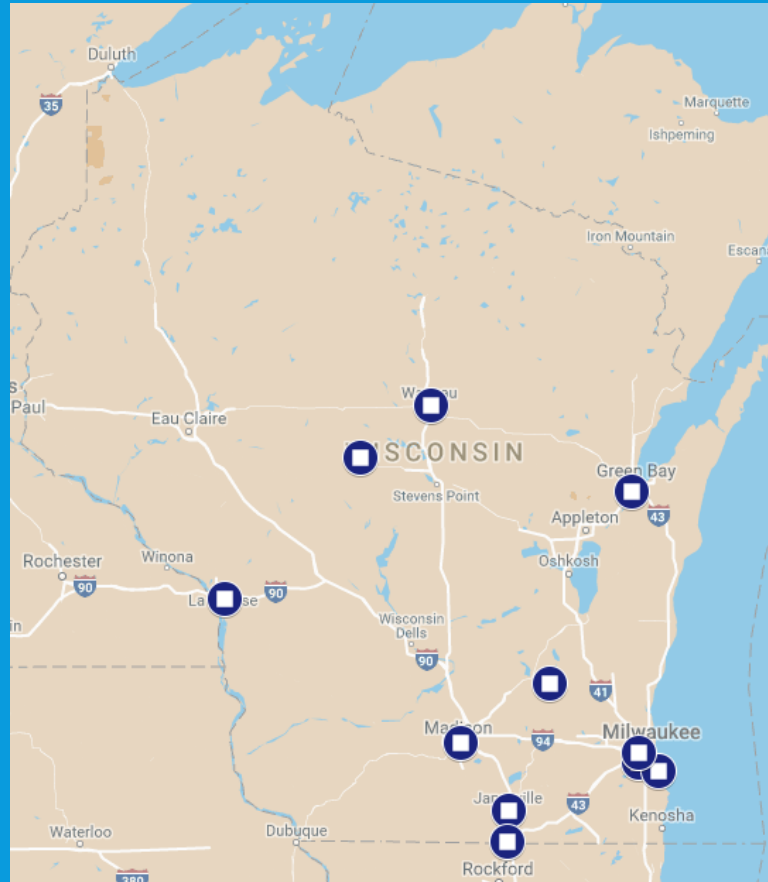
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
CDC.gov/tips

#CDCTips

# E-CIGARETTE INCLUSION IN SMOKE-FREE AIR LAWS IN WI

11 cities in Wisconsin include e-cigarettes in their smoke-free air law.

- Madison
- Ashwaubenon
- Greenfield
- Janesville
- Juneau
- Marshfield
- Onalaska
- South Milwaukee
- Wausau
- West Allis
- Beloit Township



# A NATIONAL TREND

