



# How Can Electronic Smoking Devices Harm Our Community?

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**As of June 2016, California updated all secondhand smoke laws to include electronic smoking devices (also known as ESDs, e-cigarettes, or vapes). This means that users are not allowed to use ESDs in places that do not allow the smoking of traditional tobacco products. Now it's time for our local community to take action!**

- It's not just harmless water vapor! The U.S. Surgeon General found that ESDs contain nicotine and at least 10 cancer-causing chemicals.
- Tobacco companies claim ESDs are safer than smoking, but for every 1 adult who switches from smoking cigarettes to vaping, 80 (non-smoking) youth start vaping.
- ESD liquid, or e-juice, is also very toxic— even a teaspoon can fatally poison a small child.
- Secondhand smoke policies in the City of Madera do not automatically prohibit the smoking of ESDs. Local policies must be updated to match California's state standards ESDs and help reduce our community's exposure to ESDs harmful secondhand smoke emissions.
- Updating definitions of “**smoking**,” “**tobacco product**,” “**electronic smoking device (ESD)**,” and “**tobacco paraphernalia**,” in Madera's secondhand smoke policies can restrict the use of ESDs and help reduce our community's exposure to ESDs harmful secondhand smoke emissions.



***Electronic Smoking Devices (ESDs) are more dangerous than you think. Let's work together to reduce the harmful exposure to ESDs second-hand emissions in our community. Everyone can do something to help! To support or join the Madera County Tobacco Control Program activities, please call us at (559)675-7893.***

