

DISPOSABLE VAPES

Disposable vapes are small, low-cost flavoured e-cigarettes that are child appealing with a variety of sweet flavours and colours. These devices are widely available in shops, online and via social media.

Why they're a problem...

Underage Sales

Alarming, disposable vapes are becoming increasingly popular amongst secondary school children, despite the law restricting their sales to **over 18's only**.

These devices should **NOT** be

- Sold to anyone under **18**, or
- Bought for anyone under **18**

It's a criminal offence for the sale of these devices to under 18's.

It is a criminal offence to purchase these on behalf of under 18's.

Non-Compliant or Counterfeit

Some of the devices on sale:

- Exceed legal nicotine levels (Over 2% or 20 mg)
- Contain too much liquid (over 2 ml)
- Are incorrectly labelled and have no traceability
- May contain banned substances
- Are associated with organised criminal gangs and fund other criminality
- Are easily accessible to under 18's
- May lead to undesirable contact between buyer and seller

Often containing 50mg of nicotine - that's **150%** more than legally permitted for adults

Trading Standards is becoming increasingly concerned about these disposable vapes and their popularity amongst school-aged children who shouldn't have access to them. Nicotine is **highly addictive**, and minors should **NOT** be exposed to it or be experimenting with its use.

Environmental issues

Cardboard packaging, plastic vape wrappers and removable stoppers, batteries and residual liquid are often found strewn as litter.

Report it anonymously!

If you have any information about the sale or supply of these devices to anyone under 18, contact us anonymously at: www.swillegaltobacco.info/report-it



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