

# 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...

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

### 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**

Its 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

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](http://www.swillegaltobacco.info/report-it)



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