

WHAT ARE THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF USING E-CIGARETTES?

SCIENTISTS ARE STILL LEARNING ABOUT THE LONG-TERM HEALTH EFFECTS OF E-CIGARETTES. HERE IS WHAT WE KNOW NOW.

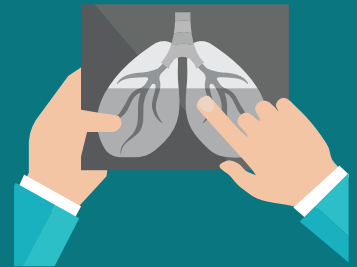
1 Most e-cigarettes contain nicotine, which has known health effects

- » Nicotine is highly addictive.
- » Nicotine is toxic to developing fetuses.
- » Nicotine can harm adolescent brain development, which continues into the early to mid-20s.
- » Nicotine is a health danger for pregnant women and their developing babies.



2 Besides nicotine, e-cigarette aerosol can contain substances that harm the body.

- » This includes cancer-causing chemicals and tiny particles that reach deep into lungs. However, e-cigarette aerosol generally contains fewer harmful chemicals than smoke from burned tobacco products.



3 E-cigarettes can cause unintended injuries.

- » Defective e-cigarette batteries have caused fires and explosions, some of which have resulted in serious injuries.
- » In addition, acute nicotine exposure can be toxic. Children and adults have been poisoned by swallowing, breathing, or absorbing e-cigarette liquid.

