

## **E-cigarettes**

Electronic cigarettes, or e-cigarettes, are devices that allow users to mimic the act of smoking a cigarette while inhaling nicotine. Instead of smoke burning from tobacco, users inhale vapor consisting of nicotine, flavor additives and other chemicals.

E-cigarettes send the wrong message to our youth and young adults, and give a false impression to tobacco users and the public that they are a healthy alternative to smoking cigarettes.

In August 2012, Governor Kitzhaber signed the Tobacco-Free Campus Executive Order prohibiting the use of tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, in state agency buildings and on state agency grounds.

Several states, including Washington, have included – or are in the process of adding – e-cigarettes to their smoking bans. Additionally, the U.S. Department of Transportation banned the use of e-cigarettes on planes.

While e-cigarettes are currently not covered under Oregon’s Smokefree Workplace Law, there is nothing stopping a business or community from taking action to prohibit the use of e-cigarettes.

For these reasons, the Oregon Public Health Division recommends businesses and local jurisdictions prohibit the use of e-cigarettes.

[E-cigarettes and the Indoor Clean Air Act \(ICAA\) Fact Sheet](#)