What is JUUL?

JUUL is a new type of e-cigarette that has surged in popularity since its introduction in 2015. JUUL is already the most widely purchased e-cigarette brand, representing nearly half of the market share in the last quarter of 2017. Despite the fact that its purchase, possession, and use is illegal for minors under 18 years old, JUUL is especially popular among youth.

Discreet

JUUL has two components: a rechargeable battery and a detachable cartridge of e-juice called a JUULpod. JUUL's small size and its close resemblance to a USB flash drive adds to its youth appeal and allows kids to discreetly use and easily hide the device. Customizable "wraps" or skins" featuring different colors and patterns add to the device's concealability.1



Appealing to Youth



JUULpods come in kid-friendly flavors such as Cool Mint, Fruit Medley, and Mango.1

Nearly 9 out of 10 Wisconsin youth say they probably wouldn't try an e-cigarette if it wasn't flavored.3

Image from EJuiceConnect.com



JUUL users have a significant social media presence through outlets such as YouTube, Twitter, Snapchat, and Instagram, increasing JUUL's exposure to young people.1

Image from YouTube.com

"JUULing"

Youth and young adults refer to JUUL use as "JUULing" instead of "vaping" or "e-cigarette use".2

Not Harmless

JUUL's highly concentrated levels of nicotine have been engineered to mimic the kick of cigarettes with less of the harshness that comes with cigarette smoke.² Nicotine is highly addictive, and it can have lasting effects on adolescent brain development, including permanently lowering impulse control and damaging parts of the brain that control attention and learning.^{1,4} Research suggests that youth are up to seven times more likely to use other forms of tobacco if they use e-cigarettes like JUUL.5

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Nicotine in one JUULpod = Total nicotine in a pack of cigarettes!2

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