

ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN SMOKE-FREE LAWS.

According to the 2016 Surgeon General's Report, states and localities should include e-cigarettes in smoke-free policies, noting that **"to protect the public from both secondhand smoke and secondhand aerosol, smokefree air policies should be modernized to include e-cigarettes."**



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include e-cigarettes in their existing statewide smoke-free laws (CA, CT, DE, HI, ME, NJ, ND, OR, UT, and VT).

In addition, hundreds of cities have taken action, including New York City, Chicago, Boston, New Orleans and Minneapolis.

THE AEROSOL RELEASED BY E-CIGARETTES CONTAINS NICOTINE AND OTHER TOXINS.

According to the CDC, e-cigarette aerosol is not harmless "water vapor" and it is not as safe as clean air.

STUDIES HAVE FOUND OTHER **CHEMICALS & TOXINS** PRESENT IN SOME E-CIGARETTES, INCLUDING:



formaldehyde,



acrolein, toluene,



tobacco-specific nitrosamines, and metals like nickel & lead.

When evaluating the potential risks of exposure to e-cigarette aerosols, the standard for comparison should not be whether or not the aerosol is less harmful than secondhand smoke. It should be **whether e-cigarettes release nicotine and toxins into the clean air made possible by smoke-free laws.**

SMOKE-FREE LAWS ARE WORKING TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH.



A majority of the U.S. population now lives in jurisdictions that prohibit smoking in most workplaces and public places. **Smoke-free laws not only protect everyone's right to breathe clean air; they also create an environment in which smokers are more likely to try to quit and succeed in doing so and in which kids are less likely to start smoking.**



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