

EXPERT PANEL ON VAPING VS TOBACCO SMOKING BUILDING POLICY CONSENSUS TOWARDS A SMOKE FREE SOUTH AFRICA



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IS VAPING SAFE?

VAPING IS NOT SMOKING

- Burning of tobacco creates thousands of chemicals with much higher risk of cancer and other diseases.
- Vaping provides a safer alternative to smoking as it delivers an effective dose of nicotine without the adverse effects of burning tobacco or inhaling smoke.
- As such vaping provides a tobacco smoke free alternative to traditional cigarette smoking whilst considerably reducing your daily spend from smoking.

VAPING IS 95% SAFER THAN CIGARETTES

 A 2015 evidence review carried out by Public Health England found e-cigarettes to be 95% less harmful than tobacco



VAPING AEROSOL DOES NOT HARM LIKE CIGARETTE SMOKE

- Of the three main causes of mortality from smoking, lung cancer arises primarily from direct exposure of the lungs to carcinogens in tobacco smoke
- Nicotine is delivered effectively and acceptably to smokers without smoke.
 Most of the harm of smoking could probably be avoided.
- There is no evidence of harm to bystanders from exposure to e-cigarette vapour and the risks to their health are likely to be extremely low.



VAPING IS MORE EFFECTIVE IN HELPING PEOPLE QUIT SMOKING

- E-cigarettes have the potential to help smokers quit smoking
- 38% of users claim that e-cigarettes helped them to stop smoking entirely and 25% reduce the amount they smoke.
- It is the most popular quitting tool in the country with more than ten times as many people using it.
- There is a significant health benefit expected in smokers who switch to ecigarettes.

