



JUULS AND VAPORIZER PENS



What are Juuls and Vaporizer Pens?

Vaporizer pens are becoming the new way for drug users to not only get high, but do it discreetly -- at times right under the noses of police, parents and teachers.

Water-soluble synthetics are easily converted into liquid concentrate that can go into the device cartridges and be vaped just like nicotine and other legal substances. It makes it nearly impossible to tell what is inside someone's vape. It could be nicotine, marijuana concentrate, or fruit-flavored, nicotine-free "e-liquid," popular among kids. Or worst of all, it could be a deadly concoction of chemicals, often a product of China, known as synthetic drugs.

Among the most popular vaped synthetics are the so-called "legal weeds" -- K2 and Spice, synthetic drugs that mimic other drugs in many ways, but can have severe side-effects, too.

Dr. Lester Hartman of Westwood Mansfield Pediatrics says part of the appeal is that it looks like a flash drive for a computer, and can even be charged by USB. Hartman says smoking one Juul is equal to an entire pack of cigarettes, and he's concerned because the carcinogens in the device include propylene glycol, the same chemical as anti-freeze.

What are the side effects of the Juul?

- Mouth Irritation
- Burping
- Head Pain
- Throat Pain
- Increased Production of Saliva
- Pain in the Jaw Area
- Increased Hunger (although nicotine is usually an appetite suppressor)

What happens if I am caught vaping or I am in possession of a vaporizer pen on school grounds?

Students that are caught vaping or in possession of a vaporizer pen on school grounds or at school sponsored events will receive school discipline. In addition, students caught vaping or in possession of a vape pen will be subject to a chemical screening.

Linwood Ordinance 228-14. Smoking Prohibited

The City does hereby specifically prohibit any smoking on any recreational field or in any park, including but not limited to the Linwood Bicycle Path, owned by the City. For purposes of this article, the smoking prohibition shall not apply to parking areas surrounding the recreational fields and parks.

Fine Assessment: **Not to exceed \$50.00, plus \$33 in court cost.**