

Dear legislative council members

Support a total ban of electronic cigarettes and other new tobacco products in Hong Kong.

With no evidence for the effect of e-cigarette and heat-not-burn tobacco products on smoking cessation, and also increasing evidence for the harmful effects of these products, the government should seriously consider a total ban of these harmful products. Some people have suggested that use of e-cigarettes by young people might "protect" them from using cigarettes. There is no evidence to support this claim. Some studies show that non-smoking youth who use e-cigarettes are more likely to try conventional cigarettes in the future than non-smoking youth who do not use e-cigarettes. E-cigarettes are acting as a gateway drug to harmful cigarettes. The government should legislate a total ban on e-cigarettes and other new tobacco products as soon as possible to protect the Hong Kong's younger generations.

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