

Secondhand Smoke


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Secondhand Aerosol

(similar to secondhand smoke) is the plume of chemicals released into the environment directly from the e-cigarette / pod-based device AND from the lungs of the user.





Common places for exposure to secondhand aerosol include restaurants, parks, vehicles, and designated smoking areas.





Exposure can lead to respiratory infections and make someone's asthma worse, among other problems.

Another way that e-cigarettes or vape pens pose a danger to others is through third hand aerosol.

Thirdhand aerosol contains a mixture of the chemicals that originate from the vape device, but remain on surfaces and in dust -- even after the aerosol is gone. These particles react with each other and with other chemicals in the environment to form toxins.



These potentially harmful chemicals can be exposed to other people or animals through the respiratory system, through ingestions, and through skin exposure.



Small children are especially at risk for thirdhand aerosol exposure because they tend to put things into their mouths and they have vulnerable skin.

