

## Survey questions

### Poll 17 – E-cigarettes, vaping and teens: Do parents know the dangers?

#### Question 1

Have you heard of electronic cigarettes, e-cigarettes or vaping?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

\*IF YES branch to question 2 otherwise branch to question 5

The following questions are about the use of electronic cigarettes, also known as 'e-cigarettes', 'e-hookahs', 'vaping' or 'juuling'. E-cigarettes are battery operated devices that heat a liquid to produce a vapour that can be inhaled. E-cigarettes sometimes look like regular cigarettes but can also look like a pen, a USB device or other small plastic item.

#### Question 2

Have you ever used e-cigarettes or vaped?

- Yes but I only tried e-cigarettes once or twice
- Yes, I used to use e-cigarettes, but no longer use
- Yes, I currently use e-cigarettes (vape)
- No, I have never used e-cigarettes (vaped)

\* IF YES CURRENTLY USE branch to question 3, if PREVIOUS OR CURRENT USE branch to question 4, otherwise branch to question 5

#### Question 3

How often do you use e-cigarettes or vape currently?

- Less than once a week
- 1-3 days a week
- 4-6 days a week
- Once every day
- More than once a day

#### **Question 4**

Some people who use e-cigarettes (vape) also smoke/have smoked regular cigarettes. Which of the following statements best describes e-cigarette use?

- I use e-cigarettes but I have NEVER smoked regular cigarettes
- I use e-cigarettes to reduce the number of regular cigarettes I smoke
- I use e-cigarettes to completely replace regular cigarettes (i.e. I no longer smoke regular cigarettes)
- I use e-cigarettes but it has not changed the number of regular cigarettes I smoke

\* If respondent has a partner as per demography question, branch to question 5 otherwise proceed to question 7

#### **Question 5**

Has your partner ever used e-cigarettes or vaped?

- Yes but my partner only tried e-cigarettes once or twice
- Yes, my partner used to use e-cigarettes, but no longer uses
- No, my partner currently uses e-cigarettes (vapes)
- No, my partner has never used e-cigarettes (vaped)
- I'm not sure

\* If yes currently uses branch to question 6 otherwise branch to question 7

#### **Question 6**

How often does your partner use e-cigarettes or vape?

- Less than once a week
- 1-3 days a week
- 4-6 days a week
- Once everyday
- More than once a day
- I'm not sure

#### **Question 7**

\* The following questions are for parents of children aged 13 and over, by child

Has your child ever used e-cigarettes (vaped)?

- Yes but my child only tried e-cigarettes once or twice
- Yes, my child used to use e-cigarettes, but *no* longer uses
- Yes, my child *currently* uses e-cigarettes (vapes)
- No, my child has *never* used e-cigarettes (vaped)
- I'm not sure

\* If yes currently use branch to question 8 otherwise branch to question 10

### **Question 8**

How often does your child use e-cigarettes or vape? Please answer separately for each child aged 13 years or over.

- Less than once a week
- 1-3 days a week
- 4-6 days a week
- Every day
- More than once a day
- I'm not sure

\* If yes to any level of child e-cigarette use in question 7 (i.e. Yes but my child only tried them once or twice; Yes, my child used to use them, but *no* longer uses; Yes, my child *currently* uses e-cigarettes) branch to question 9

### **Question 9**

How did/does your child get e-cigarettes? {BY CHILD} Please select all that apply (must select at least one response to proceed)

- Another child gave them to my child
- I gave them to my child
- Another adult gave them to my child
- My child bought them at a store
- My child bought them online
- I don't know how my child got them
- Other

### Question 10

This question is about smoking regular cigarettes (NOT e-cigarettes). Has your child ever smoked regular cigarettes? Please answer separately for each child aged 13 years or over.

- Yes but my child only tried smoking regular cigarettes once or twice
- Yes, my child used to use smoke regular cigarettes, but no longer smokes
- Yes, my child currently smokes regular cigarettes
- No, my child has never smoked regular cigarettes
- I'm not sure

### Question 11

Please indicate if you think the following statements about e-cigarette use (vaping) in Australia are true or false?

\* Branch to all parents

- It is illegal for young people aged less than 18 to buy e cigarettes and e liquids
- It is illegal for young people aged less than 18 to use e-cigarettes or vape
- By law, E-cigarettes can only contain nicotine if prescribed by a doctor
- Smoke free laws also apply to e-cigarettes
- All e-cigarette products available for purchase in Australia are approved by the Australian Government
- It is illegal for a person to use e-cigarettes in a car with children

Response options: True, false, not sure

### Question 12

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements about e-cigarette use (vaping) in Australia?

\* Branch to all parents

- E-cigarettes are safe to use as long as they do not contain nicotine
- If my child uses e-cigarettes (vapes) they will be less likely to smoke regular cigarettes
- Research has shown it is safe for others to be around someone who is using e-cigarettes (vaping)
- E-cigarettes that contain fruit flavours (such as strawberry and mango) are less harmful than other e-cigarettes
- People can die from using e-cigarettes (vaping)
- If some e-cigarettes caused health problems, the government would have banned them by now

- All e-cigarette packaging is child proof
- E-cigarettes must be safe because they are used to help people quit smoking
- E- cigarettes must be safe because they don't have health warnings on the packaging like regular cigarettes do
- E- cigarettes contain toxins and chemicals
- E-cigarettes can be used to take drugs such as cannabis or marijuana
- E-cigarettes do not hurt the lungs
- E-cigarette liquid is non-toxic
- E-cigarettes are safe to use
- Flavoured e-cigarettes encourage teenagers to take up vaping

Response options: Agree, Disagree, Not sure

### **Question 13**

How concerned are you about the following?

\* Branch to parents of children aged 13 and over

- It is easy for people aged less than 18 years to buy e-cigarettes and e-liquids online
- My child might try e-cigarettes (vaping)
- E-cigarettes can cause nicotine addiction
- If my child starts using e-cigarettes (vaping), they might start smoking regular cigarettes
- If my child starts using e-cigarettes (vaping), they might start using other drugs

Response options: Very concerned, Somewhat concerned, Not at all concerned

### **Question 14**

Have you talked about e-cigarettes and/or vaping with your child? Please answer separately for each child aged 13 years or over.

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

### **Question 15**

Has your *partner* talked about e-cigarettes and/or vaping with your child?

Response options: Yes, No, Not sure

\* If yes to question 14 branch to question 16, if no or not sure for one or more children to question 14 branch to question 17.

### **Question 16**

Why did you talk about e-cigarettes or vaping with your child? Please select all that apply.

- My child asked me about e-cigarettes or vaping
- My child had been using e-cigarettes
- We saw someone using e-cigarettes
- I heard about e-cigarettes in the media
- **My child** heard about e-cigarettes in the media
- We have family and/or friends who use e-cigarettes
- To teach my child about the risks of using e-cigarettes

### **Question 17**

Why haven't you talked about e-cigarettes with your child? Please select all that apply.

- I haven't really thought about e-cigarettes or vaping
- I don't know much about e-cigarettes or vaping
- E-cigarettes are not something my child would try
- E-cigarettes are safe so I don't need to talk about them
- It is not my job to talk about e-cigarettes with my child
- I don't need to talk about e-cigarettes with my child because they will learn about them at school

### **Question 18**

Have you or your partner talked about regular cigarettes or smoking with your child? Please answer separately for each child aged 13 years and over

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

### Question 19

Have you or your partner **talked about alcohol** and drinking alcohol with your child? Please answer separately for each child aged 13 years and over

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

### Question 20

Have you or your partner talked about drugs and using drugs with your child? Please answer separately for each child aged 13 years and over.

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

### Question 21

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

\* Branch to all parents}

- Governments should make sure that people obey laws restricting sales of e-cigarettes to people under 18
- All e-cigarette liquid should be in child-proof packaging
- E-cigarettes advertising should be banned on social media sites like Facebook, You-tube and Twitter
- E-cigarettes should be taxed like regular cigarettes
- E-cigarettes should have health warnings like regular cigarettes
- Flavoured e-cigarettes (such as strawberry, lollies and chocolate) should be banned
- Manufacturers should be made to test e-cigarettes for safety
- The sale, supply, and use of all types of e-cigarettes should be banned in Australia
- Marketing and advertising of e-cigarettes that targets teenagers should be banned
- E-cigarette use (vaping) should be restricted in public places like regular cigarettes

Response options: Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree, Not sure