

Vaping and the Law



Aim

To educate pupils on the laws
around vaping



Vaping Age Restrictions

A person who wishes to purchase c-cigarettes/e-liquids must be **18 years or over**



Background

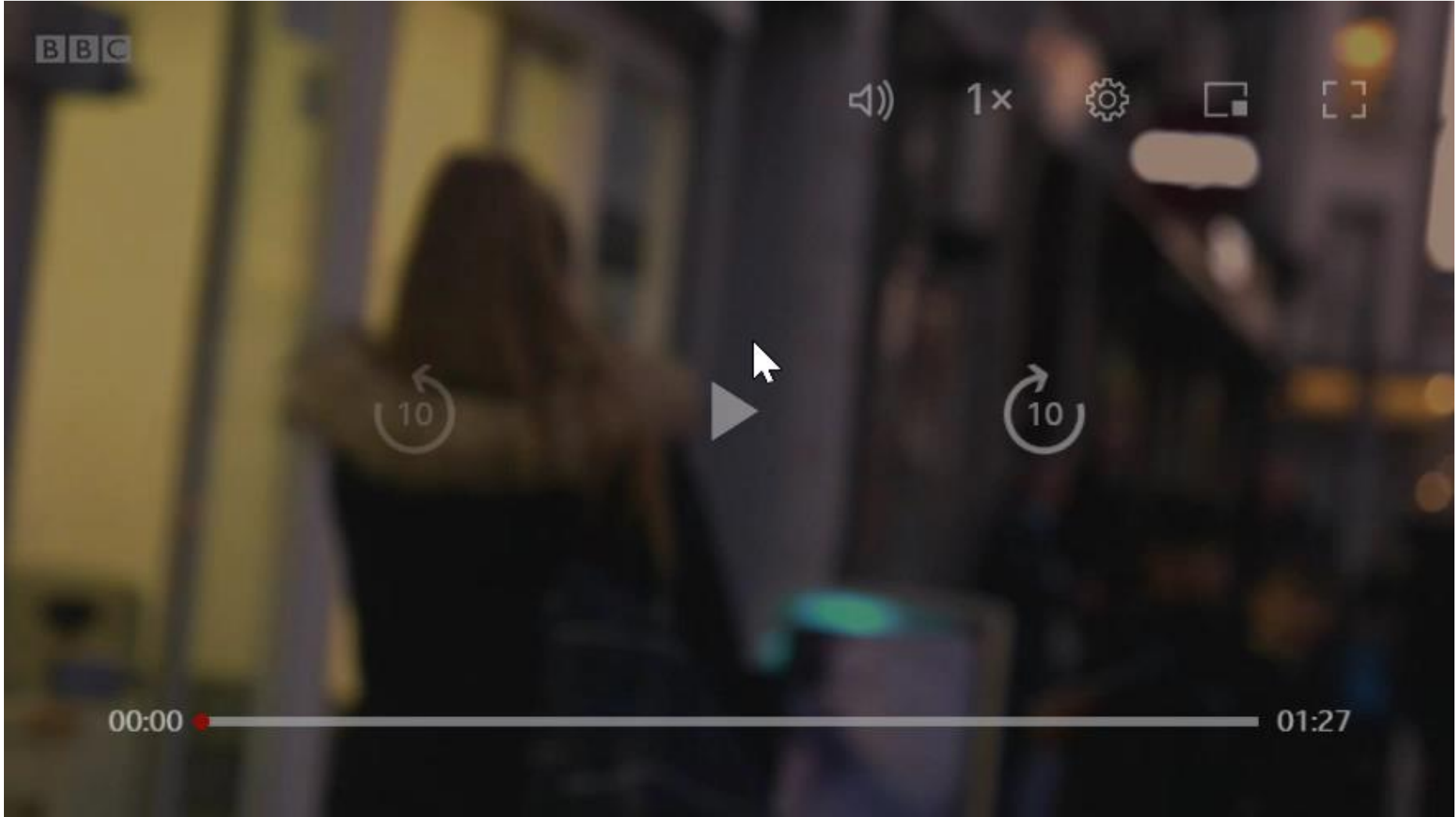
Vaping and e-cig products have been available in the UK for more than ten years.

Many e-cigs are still similar in appearance to earlier versions but have evolved in looks and styles, enhancing and personalising the vaping experience. Along with this, regulatory changes in quality, safety and performance have altered how they are marketed and sold to consumers.



In 2017 the Tobacco & Related Products Regulations (TRPR) came into law in the UK. This changed some of the rules around vaping products and policies. Below is a brief outline, and for a broader and more detailed guide.

- **The maximum volume of nicotine-containing *e-liquid* to be restricted to 10ml per container/bottle**
- **Restrictions on e-cigarette tanks: Capacities of no more than 2ml**
- **Requirements on nicotine-containing products and all packaging to be child-resistant and tamper-evident**
- **A ban on certain ingredients, including but not limited to colourings, caffeine and taurine (Include updated labelling requirements and warnings on packaging)**
- **E-liquids to be restricted to a nicotine strength of no more than 20mg per ml (2%)**
- **Requirements on all e-cigarettes and e-liquids to be notified to the MHRA (Medicines & Healthcare products Regulatory Agency) before they are sold to consumers.**



Danger of 'THC' or 'cannabis oil' vapes

Vape liquid is sold in small plastic bottles. The vitamin E acetate is an oily chemical which can be added to the liquid to thicken or dilute it to make it go further.

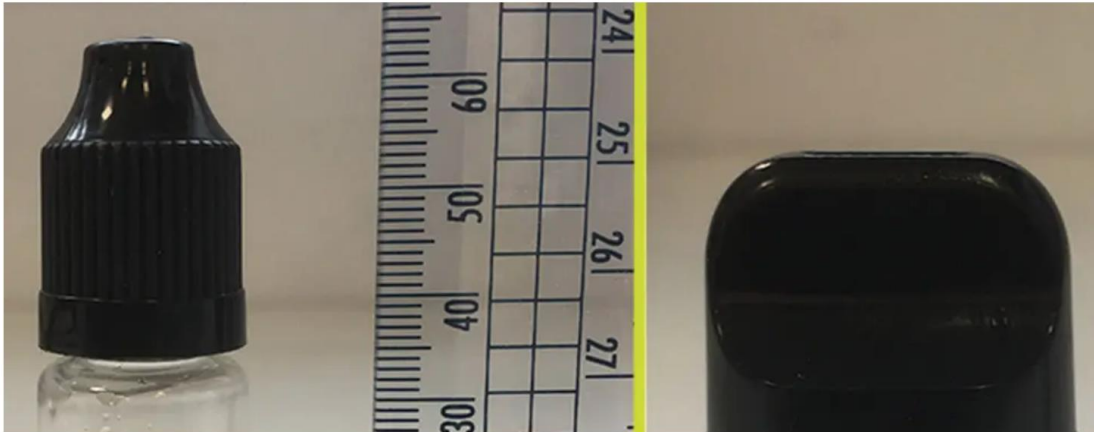
Laboratory testing has shown some of the products collected in Greater Manchester have contained high levels of vitamin E acetate.

When inhaled the vitamin E acetate can produce a toxic gas and cause lung injuries.

Schoolchildren collapse after unknowingly inhaling spice vape

Experts warn young people who think they are buying cannabis extract could be making fatal mistake

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Selby area: Warning after illicit 'spice' vape liquid seized by the police as part of an ongoing investigation

News

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Parents and carers in the Selby area have been urged to keep young people safe from a vape-version of a potentially harmful drug known as 'spice'.

Sergeant Jack Waterton, from the Selby Neighbourhood Policing Team, seized 18 bottles of vape liquid from a 17-year-old boy in the town on the evening of Friday 6 October 2023.

He was acting on information suggesting children as young as 12 were being supplied with vapes containing drugs.

The substance was sent off for testing and the results have now confirmed them to be synthetic cannabinoids.

Stop and Search

Sec 23 Misuse of drugs act 1971 - A constable who has reasonable grounds to suspect that a person is in possession of a controlled drug may detain and search that person, or any vehicle or vessel.



Possession with intent to supply Class B drug

- It is an offence for a person to have a controlled drug in their possession, whether lawfully or not, with the intent to supply it to another who has no legal right to possess it

Maximum: 14 years' imprisonment and/or unlimited fine

Offence range: Fine – 10 years' imprisonment





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