

Questions & Answers from Vaping 101 Session on 10/30/17

QUESTION: What can be done legally to protest the Vape /Smoke Shop?

ANSWER: The protest must be conducted on public property and cannot block pedestrian or vehicular traffic. (Note: Parking lots are private property owned by a landlord.)

QUESTION: I know that students under 18 cannot purchase tobacco products, but is it illegal to possess vaping paraphernalia?

ANSWER: It is illegal *to purchase* tobacco products under the age of 18. It is not illegal *to possess* them unless in doing so you are incurring a tax violation. (I.e. purchased without paying the appropriate taxes.)

QUESTION: There are many ingredients restricted by the FDA in the pharmaceutical industry. What is being done by the FDA to restrict ingredients incorporated in the vape?

ANSWER: The two ingredients referenced in the presentation that are part of vaping are propylene glycol and vegetable glyceride. Both these ingredients are on the FDA GRAS list. The GRAS list is those ingredients Generally Recognized As Safe and as such are not restricted by the FDA.* **However, they are listed as safe for consumption by eating and have not been evaluated when used in a vape product. There is some indication that when vaped they emit toxic fumes.**

*Food and Drug Administration