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Vapes – A warning and a plea for information.

Dorset Police and local schools are becoming increasingly aware of a rise in children being in possession of vapes and vape products, such as vape liquids.

The legal age to supply or use a vape in the UK is 18, yet some retailers have failed to uphold this rule and are putting our children at risk.

Additionally, there have been reported incidents of children becoming unwell after using vape products. With a rise in counterfeit vapes and illicit vapes containing banned substances such as THC (the principal psychoactive constituent of cannabis) or other dangerous synthetic substances, we all need to be aware of the risk of harm these pose to children and work together to remove them from the streets.

In order for Police and Trading Standards to take positive action and keep our children safe, we need you to tell us where children might be sourcing vapes and vape products, and who may be supplying them. This may be a particular shop, individual, or other illegitimate vendor. You can provide this information either by contacting [Dorset Police](#), [Trading Standards](#) or anonymously via [Crimestoppers](#).

Should your child become unwell after using a vape, please seek urgent medical attention. Although such cases are rare, adverse reactions seen in recent incidents include dizziness, heart palpitations and even falling unconscious.



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