



Local health officials say more teens smoking with e-cigs

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California health officials say a concerning number of teens are getting a hold of e-cigarettes.

A statewide survey by the Healthy Stores for a Healthy Community campaign found the availability of e-cigarettes in Santa Barbara County has increased by 68 percent since 2013.

Of the local teens surveyed, 14 percent reported using the electronic smoking devices.

Santa Barbara County health officials say teens who use those products are more than twice as likely to smoke tobacco cigarettes.

In San Luis Obispo County, the availability of e-cigarettes grew by 29 percent since 2013.

The survey also found 92 percent of stores sell little cigars and 62 percent sell a popular brand of those cigars for less than a dollar.

For more survey results, [click here](#).



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