

Who Are We? Tobacco Prevention Task Force

MISSION : To prevent and reduce the harmful use of tobacco and e-cigarette products in Brazoria County.

What We Do:

- Prevent nicotine use among youth.
- Help those who want to quit nicotine.
- Reduce exposure to second & third-hand smoke.
- Advocate for policy change (Tobacco Free Parks).
- Promote enforcement of existing federal, state, and local tobacco laws.
- Reduce nicotine use among populations with the highest burden of tobacco-related health disparities.
- Support statewide capacity for comprehensive tobacco & e-cigarette prevention and control.



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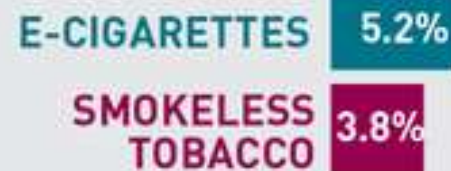


Adult and Youth Tobacco Product usage

OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCT USE among adults and high school students

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ADULTS (2018)



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS (2019)



Ways cigarette litter impacts the environmen t

Cigarettes make up more than nearly 38 percent of all collects litter. Cities spend millions on cigarette clean up.

Littered butts leach toxic chemicals, such as arsenic (used to kill rats) and lead.

The plastics fibers in cigarettes are non-biodegradable. Meaning they won't organically break down.

Pictures from cigarette butt pick up at Bates and Dickey Parks on April 2, 2022.



What is 2nd hand smoke?

Smoke and vaping aerosols come from burning or heating tobacco through a cigarette, cigar, pipe, hookah, or electronic cigarette. It is also exhaled smoke from a smoker.

How to Protect Against 2nd Hand Smoke:

- Do not allow smoking near you, children, or pets.
- Ask anyone who cares for youth to follow these rules—and tell them why.
- E-cigarette vapor or aerosol contains chemicals. Do not allow.
- The only way to completely protect against 2nd hand smoke is to quit.

