

HOW TO SPOT AN ILLICIT VAPE

The news has been full of stories about non-compliant and illicit vapes. If you'd like to know more about how to spot them, here are six things to look for on the packaging.



1. Does the packaging state that the tank is 2 mL or less?

Greater than 2 ml of liquid is non-compliant. Anything stating 600+ puffs is likely to be non-compliant.



2. What's in the e-liquid?

Under UK regulations, the e-liquid must not have a nicotine concentration greater than 20 mg/mL or 2%. Your vape should also come with a list of ingredients on the packaging.



3. Is this information listed?

You should be able to find the amount of nicotine delivered per puff or a puff count, the batch number, a recommendation to keep the product out of reach of children and contact details for the manufacturer, such as an address, email and phone number.



4. Is there a health warning?

There should be a statement on the packaging reading...

**THIS PRODUCT
CONTAINS NICOTINE,
WHICH IS A HIGHLY
ADDICTIVE SUBSTANCE**

5. Does the health warning text look okay?

The information displayed on the packaging should be in bold black on a white background. It should also be central to the area provided. If it looks different from other products you've seen, it could be a red flag.



6. Can you see these certifications?

First, check for a CE or UKCA marking. Next, look for wheelie bin symbol with a line through it, which shows compliance with the WEEE Directive 2012/19/EU.



If the product you're considering doesn't meet the above, there is a risk it is illicit and what is inside the box might not be in line with UK safety and quality standards. You might want to consider an alternative vape product.