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- Vapes and vaping products containing nicotine are age-restricted, and it is illegal for them to be sold to under-18s and for adults to buy them on their behalf.
- Certain ingredients, such as caffeine and taurine, are banned in e-liquids.
- All vapes and e-liquids containing nicotine have to be certified by the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) before they can be sold in the UK. You can search for brands on the MHRA website.
- Any product that is not listed on the above website should be returned to the shop it was purchased from, or to your local Trading Standards office.

Research from the Chartered Trading Standards Institute (CTSI) has found that a third of vape products sold in the UK are not compliant with regulations.

Trading Standards

If you know of anyone who sells vapes illegally, you can report them to Trading Standards through the Citizens Advice online portal or with Trading Standards Confidential, as detailed below.

Note from Trading Standards Confidential

If you wish to report a crime you can leave a voice message with Trading Standards Confidential. Please note this is **not an advice line.**

Trading Standards are unable to intervene in individual disputes. Any information provided is vital to identify trading malpractices and target resources where they are needed most.

Where the matters reported result in formal investigation they may contact you for further information, unless indicated otherwise.

Trading Standards Confidential: 01785 330356

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