

VAEP Key Concepts script 4: Smoking is everyone's problem



Smoking costs tax payers far more than what's generated from taxes collected from tobacco sales.(1,2,3,4) That makes smoking everyone's problem.

The additional costs to our communities include long term disability, fire services, as well as increased healthcare costs such as ambulance, diagnostics, treatments and hospital care.(2) It is needless to say these costs are preventable if smokers could stop smoking.

Did you know that vaping is considered harm reduction?(5) If smokers switch to vaping they virtually eliminate the disease causing chemicals found in cigarette smoke.(6) Once they switch the chances of getting smoking-related diseases decreases(7) and the related tax burden also decreases. So, vaping is good for tax payers.

To learn more, visit our nonprofit at VAEP.info. By the way, if you like the shirt I'm wearing and would like to support vaping education visit our online shop, VAEPmail.com. Look good in one of our tees and if someone asks you about vaping just have them to scan our QR code, right here on the sleeve; and we'll take care of the rest. <https://VAEP.info>

Kellie Ann is wearing our Signature tee in Heather Charcoal <https://shop.vaep.info/?product=signature-tees>

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