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AVENUES TO SURRENDER E-VAPORISERS AND SEEK SUPPORT TO QUIT VAPING

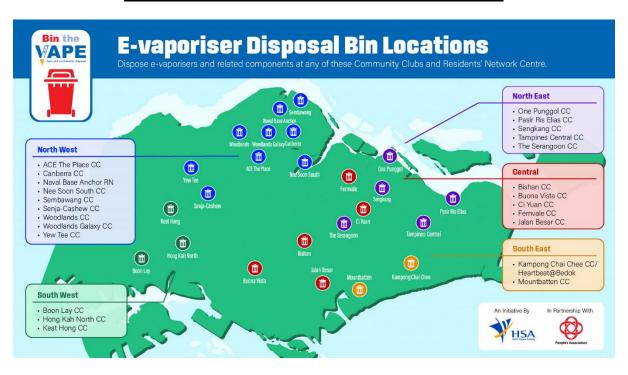
The Minister for Health has earlier announced that in the coming weeks, etomidate will be classified as a Class C illegal drug under the Misuse of Drugs Act (MDA). In the meantime, those who are using e-vaporisers and especially consuming etomidate should give up their habit as soon as possible.

- 2 To support them during this period, Health Sciences Authority (HSA) has embarked on an initiative to encourage e-vaporiser users to surrender their e-vaporisers and related components in order to start their quit journey before the law catches up with them.
- Called "Bin the Vape", the HSA has partnered with the People's Association to place e-vaporiser disposal bins across the island at 23 Community Clubs and one Residents' Network Centre for members of the public to voluntarily dispose of e-vaporisers safely from 25 July 2025. Bins will also be progressively placed at other locations such as the Institutes of Higher Learning. Members of the public can visit HSA's website (go.gov.sg/bin-vapes) to locate the nearest bin. See Annex A for the list of locations.
- 4 Members of the public who wish to seek support for quitting, particularly if they have been using etomidate e-vaporisers, may approach WE CARE Community Services, Singapore Anti-Narcotics Association, the Institute of Mental Health for assistance or the Quitline counsellors at 1800 438 2000. See <u>Annex B</u> for the list of contacts.
- 5 Persons who come forward to bin their e-vaporisers or voluntarily seek support for quitting will not face any penalties for doing so.
- Once etomidate is listed as a Class C drug under the MDA in a few weeks' time, those caught using etomidate-laced e-vaporisers will be subject to mandatory supervision and rehabilitation. Repeat offenders are liable to be prosecuted and subject to jail for at least a year. Those caught selling, distributing or importing etomidate-laced e-vaporisers will be subject to more severe penalties, including jail up to 20 years and caning.

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Annex A

Location and Photos of e-vaporiser Disposal Bins



Area	Location
Central	Bishan CC
	Buona Vista CC
	Ci Yuan CC
	Fernvale CC
	Jalan Besar CC
North East	One Punggol CC
	Pasir Ris Elias CC
	Sengkang CC
	Tampines Central CC
	The Serangoon CC
North West	Ace The Place CC
	Canberra CC
	Senja-Cashew CC
	Naval Base Anchor RN
	Nee Soon South CC
	Sembawang CC
	Woodlands CC
	Woodlands Galaxy CC
	Yew Tee CC
South East	Kampong Chai Chee CC / Heartbeat@Bedok
	Mountbatten CC
South West	Boon Lay CC
	Hong Kah North CC
	Keat Hong CC



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Annex B

Contact Points to Seek Support for Quitting

Social Service	Type of services	Contact details
Agency	provided	
WE CARE Community Services	 Counselling services Drop in centre Recovery support groups Group work and therapy programmes Talks and 	Tel: 3165 8017 or 8391 3023 (WhatsApp) Email: help@wecare.org.sg Website: https://www.wecare.org.sg/
	workshops	
Singapore Anti- Narcotics Association	• Step-Up Centres SANA Step-Up Centres are walk-in facilities that support the rehabilitation and reintegration of persons-in-recovery from drug addiction by strengthening their social support networks. The centres are open to recovering individuals, their families and anyone seeking help on drug addiction.	Tel: 6732 1122 Email: sana@sana.org.sg Website: https://www.sana.org.sg/
	 Case Management Services Interim financial assistance, casework and counselling Psychotherapy SANA's psychotherapy service uses evidence- based therapeutic techniques to address co-occurring mental 	

	health conditions, behavioural challenges and relationship issues that may contribute to or increase the risk of drug relapse.	
Institute of Mental	National Addiction	For NAMS appointment enquiries:
Health	Management Services	6389 2200 / https://for.sg/nams-
	(NAMS)	appointment-form
	 Assessment and 	Website: https://www.nams.sg
	treatment of	
	addictions	
	 Individual, group 	
	and family therapy	