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HSA NABS 18-YEAR-OLD MALE FOR SELLING E-VAPORISERS AT A PLAYGROUND

On 27 November 2023, the Health Sciences Authority (HSA) conducted an operation at a Toa Payoh HDB playground and apprehended an 18-year-old male red handed trying to sell an e-vaporiser to a 13-year-old boy. HSA had received a tip-off that the 18-year-old had been seen selling e-vaporisers at the playground.

2 As part of investigations, HSA conducted a search of the 18-year-old's residence at Toa Payoh and found more than 700 e-vaporisers and its related components, with an estimated street value of \$15,400. These products have been seized and the 18-year-old male is currently assisting HSA in investigations.

3 HSA will not hesitate to take stern enforcement actions on those who conduct illegal activities such as the peddling of prohibited e-vaporisers to members of the public, especially to youths and students. On 23 November, a 36-year-old male who worked at West Mall was fined \$13,700 for selling e-vaporisers and their components to students in the area.

Penalties for such offences in Singapore

4 HSA would like to remind the public that it is an offence¹ to import, distribute, sell or offer for sale e-vaporisers and their components. Any person convicted of an offence is liable to a fine of up to \$10,000, or imprisonment of up to six months or both for the first offence, and a fine of up to \$20,000, or imprisonment of up to 12 months or both for the second or subsequent offence. All prohibited tobacco items will also be seized and confiscated.

¹ This offence falls under the Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) Act.

Consumer advisory

5 Members of the public are reminded that the possession, use or purchase of e-vaporisers is illegal and carries a maximum fine of \$2000. Information pertaining to prohibited tobacco products in Singapore is available on the [HSA website](#) and more details about the harms of e-vaporisers can be found in this [HealthHub article](#).

6 Members of the public who have information on the illegal import, distribution, sale or offer for sale of e-vaporisers can contact HSA's Tobacco Regulation Branch at Tel: 6684 2036 or 6684 2037 during office hours (9:00am to 5:30pm, Monday to Friday).

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About the Health Sciences Authority (HSA)

The Health Sciences Authority (HSA) applies medical, pharmaceutical and scientific expertise through its three professional groups, Health Products Regulation, Blood Services and Applied Sciences, to protect and advance national health and safety. HSA is a multidisciplinary authority. It serves as the national regulator for health products, ensuring they are wisely regulated to meet standards of safety, quality and efficacy. As the national blood service, it is responsible for providing a safe and adequate blood supply. It also applies specialised scientific, forensic, investigative and analytical capabilities in serving the administration of justice. For more details, visit <http://www.hsa.gov.sg/>.

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About HSA's Health Products Regulation Group

The Health Products Regulation Group (HPRG) of HSA ensures that medicines, innovative therapeutics, medical devices and health-related products are wisely regulated and meet appropriate safety, quality and efficacy standards. It contributes to the development of biomedical sciences in Singapore by administering a robust, scientific and responsive regulatory framework.

ANNEX A

HSA NABS 18-YEAR-OLD MALE WHO SOLD E-VAPORISERS AT PLAYGROUND

Assorted e-vaporisers and components uncovered at the suspect's residence.
(Photos: Health Sciences Authority)



