

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF

# E-CIGARETTES



The increase in e-cigarette use by youth concerns public health officials, medical professionals, educators, and caring adults. This timeline reviews the swift and unsettling rise of the e-cigarette.

**1930**

An e-cigarette is first referenced in a patent granted to **Joseph Robinson**. The product is **never commercialized** or even manufactured.

**1967**

The first manufactured e-cigarette is created by **Herbert A. Gilbert**. It is **thought** to be a safe method of smoking without burning tobacco.

**1970-1980**

The first commercialized e-cigarette relies not on electricity, but on evaporation of **nicotine**. The device launch fails, but not without inventors first coining the term "**vape**."

**2003**

The first commercially successful e-cigarette is created in Beijing, China, by pharmacist, inventor and smoker **Hon Lik**. He names the device Ruyan, meaning "**like smoke**."

**APRIL 2006**

E-cigarettes are introduced in **Europe**.

**AUGUST 2006**

E-cigarettes are introduced in the **United States**.

**2008**

The **World Health Organization** states e-cigarettes are not legitimate smoking cessation aids and demands marketers stop making this claim.

**JANUARY 2009**

**Resistance** to e-cigarettes begins. **Australia** bans the possession and sale of e-cigarettes containing nicotine. **Jordan's** Ministry of Health bans the import of e-cigarettes, citing **World Health Organization** guidelines.

**MAY 2009**

The **Electronic Cigarette Association** (ECA) is formed. The now-defunct ECA is made up of e-cigarette producers, distributors and retailers. The ECA speaks on behalf of the industry and is headquartered in **Washington, D.C.**

**MAY 2009**

A petition is filed calling for **FDA regulation** of e-cigarettes.



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## A BRIEF HISTORY OF E-CIGARETTES PART II

The introduction of JUUL, a new generation addicted to nicotine, and vaping illness.

