# Talking to Youth Who Vape

You can support vaping behaviour change by having short conversations guided by 2 easy steps! GOAL: Discuss thoughts about change and provide support for taking the next step.

### **BEFORE**

### TIME AND PLACE

Youth won't want to talk about their vaping in front of others, so choose a time and place where they will feel safe to open up.

# STEP 1

### **ASK**

ASK questions to learn about their vaping and how they feel about quitting or changing. Build rapport and seek to understand their vaping point of view.

### STEP 2

### ACT

Provide support based on their interest in making a change.

### **INTERESTED IN CHANGE**

Time to encourage, excite and empower youth to take the next step! Even if they're not ready to quit right away, they can take steps to plan or prepare

## **NOT INTERESTED IN CHANGE**

It's okay! Don't give up. This is an opportunity to build trust, offer encouragement and raise awareness. Make a plan to chat again to give time to reflect.

### LINK TO ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

I know a great app that can help you make a plan and track your progress. I'd like to chat again next week, if that's okay with you?"



Youth-VAST

### TIPS

- Remain calm and non-judgmental
- Avoid arguing or confrontation
- Listen and give personalized feedback
- Make a plan to check-in

Conversation should feel like a dance, NOT a wrestling match.



### **TRY THIS...**

- I noticed you in a group of students who were vaping during break. Can you tell me more about this?
- What do you like about vaping?
- Is there anything you don't like about it?
- Have you thought about quitting?



### LINK TO ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Here's a website about vaping and its effects. Maybe we can chat more again next week and give you a chance to think about it?"

**NOT AN EXPERIMENT** 



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