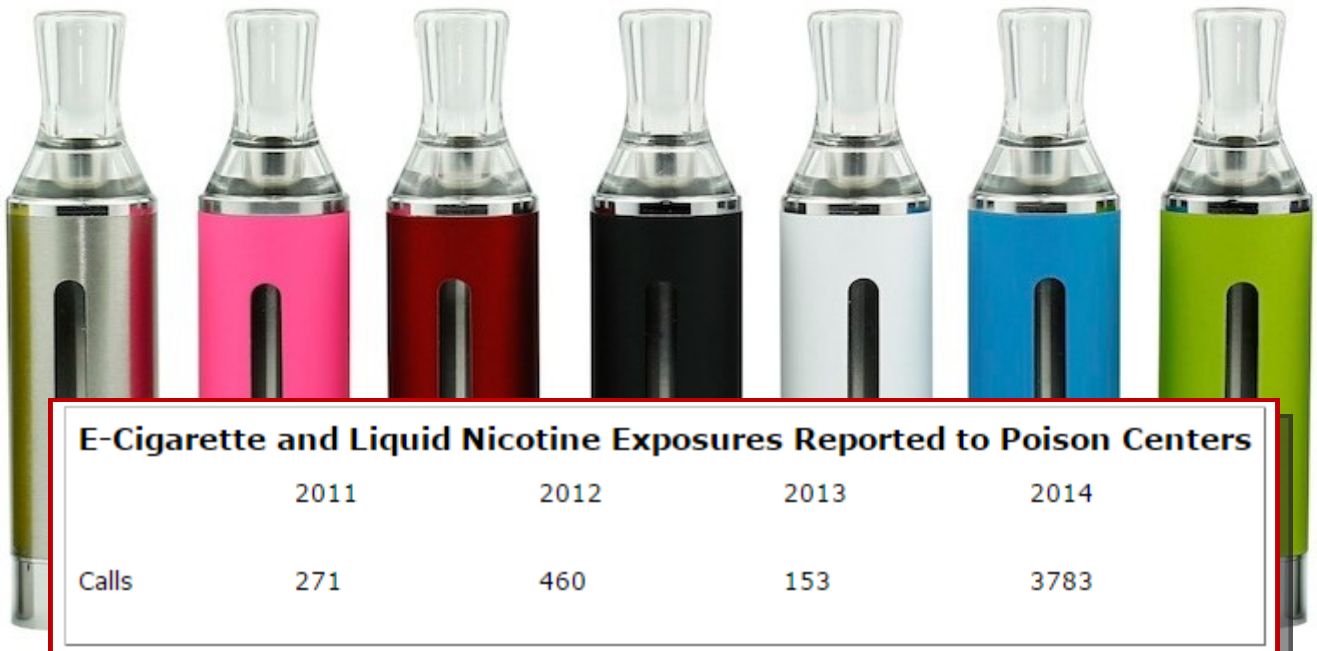


# BSFD Safety Alert: E-Cigarette Poisoning

The Children's Safety Network and the Bonita Springs Fire Control & Rescue District want you to use caution when using, keeping and storing e-cigarettes. Poison Control Centers have reported a 145 percent increase involving e-cigs and liquid nicotine between 2013 and 2014. More than half of these exposures occurred in children ages 5 and under.

E-cigarettes contain a liquid nicotine solution that can be poisonous. These products come in bright colors and appealing flavors and scents, making them particularly attractive to young children. Nicotine is an acute toxin, liquid nicotine can be harmful when swallowed or absorbed through the skin.

Just a few drops of liquid nicotine could result in a trip to the Emergency Room. Lethality depends on the weight of the child and the concentration of liquid nicotine. Ingesting less than a quarter of a teaspoon of 1.8% concentrated liquid nicotine can be fatal to a 50 pound child.



## Safety Tips

- Keep liquid nicotine and e-cigarettes locked up, out of sight and out of reach
- Make sure liquid nicotine is stored in child resistant containers
- Protect your skin when handling liquid nicotine
- **Remember to call 9-1-1 if you suspect someone has ingested or absorbed liquid nicotine**



## What about other poisons?

If you or someone you know may have been poisoned, call the toll-free Poison Help Line right away at **1-800-222-1222**, which connects you to your local poison center. If the person is not breathing, call 911. Do not wait for signs of a poisoning before calling the Poison Help line. When you call, you will speak with a poison expert at your poison center. For more information, [click here](#)

Remember: Do not panic. Not all medicines, chemicals, or household products are poisonous. Not all contact with poison results in poisoning.