Tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable disease and death in the United States, and most tobacco product use begins during adolescence. Between 2015 and 2016, there was a decline in overall tobacco use among youth. However, about one in five high school students still report using some form of tobacco product. Use of any tobacco product among youth, including e-cigarettes, is unsafe.

Parents, teachers, and mentors: Inform young people about the dangers of tobacco use. Helping youth avoid tobacco products can result in longer, healthier lives.

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