Flavored Tobacco **Products HOOK KIDS**



The tobacco industry uses fruit, mint, and candy flavors as a way to target youth.

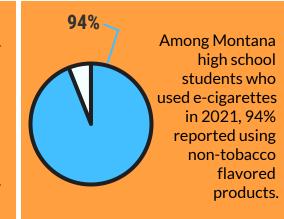
WHY ARE FLAVORED TOBACCO PRODUCTS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE?

- Flavors mask the harshness of tobacco and are particularly appealing to youth.
- Flavors are a primary reason youth start using tobacco and can make quitting tobacco difficult.
- Flavors, like menthol, contribute to health disparities.



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cited youth are more likely than adults to initiate tobacco product use with flavored tobacco products.



WHAT SHOULD MONTANANS KNOW?

Prohibiting the sale of flavored tobacco products is an effective way to protect youth from a lifetime of nicotine addiction.



5 states & over 300 localities have taken action on flavored tobacco products.

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