



The products-completed operations hazard exclusion: How exploding vape pens could ignite a firestorm of uncovered claims, Westlaw

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The popularity of e-cigarettes and vaping has expanded rapidly over the last several years. According to a recent study, sales of e-cigarettes nearly doubled between 2013 and 2017, from about 63 million units sold in 2013 to over 120 million units in 2017. (1)

The number of users has also increased exponentially. According to a recent market research study, the number of adults who vape grew from 7 million globally in 2011 to 41 million in 2018, and is estimated to reach 55 million by 2021. (2) The global market for vape and e-cigarette products is estimated to be worth \$19.3 billion, up from \$6.9 billion just five years ago. (3)

Unfortunately, as sales of vape pens and e-cigarettes continue to proliferate, so has the number of vape and e-cigarette related injuries. It has been widely reported that outbreaks of deadly lung diseases have been linked to vaping, and more than 2,000 cases were confirmed by health officials by November 2019. (4)