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## HOW TO STAY VAPE-FREE:

## 5 REFUSAL SKILLS THAT ACTUALLY WORK

### 1. The "Chill No"



#### How it works:

Stay casual, keep it light. Avoid making it a big deal.

#### **Example:**

- "Nah, I'm good."
- "Not my thing, but you do you."

#### Why it works:

Keeps the conversation non-confrontational, avoiding defensiveness or awkwardness.

### 2. The "Excuse Me"



#### How it works:

Use a valid excuse to step away or opt out.

#### **Example:**

- "I've got a game later; can't mess up my lungs."
- "I promised my parents I wouldn't. They check everything."

#### Why it works:

Gives a reason others can't easily argue with, making refusal easier.

## 3. The "More for You"



#### How it works:

Turn it around and make it about them.

#### **Example:**

- "All yours, mate."
- "You can have mine—I don't want it."

#### Why it works:

Deflects the pressure without judgment, keeping things friendly.

## 4. The "Protect Others"



#### How it works:

Shift the focus to how vaping could harm someone else.

#### **Example:**

- "My little brother's asthmatic—I don't want to bring it home."
- "Second-hand vape smoke is worse for people around you. I can't risk it."

#### Why it works:

Appeals to a sense of responsibility, which peers often respect.

## 5. The "White Lie"



#### How it works:

Use a harmless fib to get out of the situation.

#### **Example:**

- "I've got asthma—it messes with me."
- "I'm trying to quit. Can't start again now."

#### Why it works:

Sometimes, a quick excuse helps avoid peer pressure without confrontation.

# Bonus Tip: Practice with Your Friends

Work out go-to responses together.

Create strategies for tricky situations, so you're always prepared.







FACT: 9 OUT OF 10 STUDENTS IN THIS SCHOOL DON'T VAPE