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## California and Proposition 67

by Elizabeth Harmon

On November 07, 2016, California voters approved a measure that bans single-use plastic bags, Proposition 67, which supports the previous ban that was signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown but put on hold in 2014. Many communities in California had already restricted the use of non-recyclable plastic bags citing problems that range from being stuck in trees, fences, and bushes to ending up in sewers and waterways. For instance, Los Angeles had already prohibited the single-use plastic bags and shoppers were required to pay 10-cent for each paper bag. However, the restrictions were not always the same from community to community so lawmakers set out to consolidate the rules and make them uniform across the state, resulting in the plastic bag ban signed into law in 2014.

With the "yes" vote on Prop. 67, non-reusable plastic bags are banned from grocery stores, pharmacies, small markets, and liquor stores but restaurants and department stores are excluded. These retail outlets may still have available plastic bags for customers, which are thicker and presumably reusable, and paper sacks but will charge 10-cents or more for each. This is designed to urge shoppers to use their own multi-use bags, greatly reducing the approximately 13 billion plastic bags Californians previously used yearly.

Although California has been at the vanguard of United States movement to ban the use of non-recyclable plastic bags and now the first state to pass an all-inclusive law, municipalities across the country have implemented similar bans. Hawaii has put into place a *de facto* restriction on carry-out plastic bags in four counties, which covers the entire state. On the continental United States, municipalities in states from Alaska to Florida have prohibited the use of non-biodegradable bags. Some states, such as Iowa, Maine, and New Mexico, have only a few municipalities that have bans on plastic bags, while other states, such as North Carolina, Texas, and Washington, have a greater number of cities that have prohibited the use of single use bags.

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Blowing Smoke: E-Cigarettes, and Vaping

by Mora Prestinary

You've seen them, adults lighting up e-cigarettes, those pen-like devices, between their lips. Take a puff and you get a genuine nicotine fix. Well they're not just for adults.

More than 3 million middle and high school students were current users of e-cigarettes in 2015, up from an estimated 2.46 million in 2014, making e-cigarettes the most commonly used tobacco product among youth for the second consecutive year. (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Tobacco Use Among Middle and High School Students - United States, 2011 -2015. Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report 2016; 65(14): 361-367). Although sales are banned in some states, teens have been ordering them online. The wide array of flavors (such as coffee, mint, candy, and fruit flavors) have helped make e-cigarettes particularly appealing to this age group.

Electronic cigarettes often resemble traditional cigarettes but they use a heat source, usually powered by a battery, to turn "e-liquid," a liquid that usually contains nicotine from tobacco and flavorings, into an aerosol that is inhaled by the user.

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According to Mark Murray, executive director of *Californians Against Waste*, the passage of Proposition 67 in California will encourage other states to pass similar statewide laws banning the unregulated use of non-recyclable plastic bags.

For Further Information see:

[www.cawrecycles.org](http://www.cawrecycles.org)

[www.plasticbagbanreport.com](http://www.plasticbagbanreport.com)

[www.plasticbaglaws.org](http://www.plasticbaglaws.org)

[www.surfrider.org](http://www.surfrider.org)

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The amount of nicotine in the aerosol may vary by brand. Little information about the safety of electronic cigarettes exists.

The FDA now regulates all tobacco products, including (as shown): hookah, e-cigarettes, dissolvables, smokeless tobacco, cigarettes, all cigars, roll-your-own tobacco, pipe tobacco, and future tobacco products that meet the statutory definition of a tobacco product. <http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/default.htm>

In 2009, the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act. gave the agency authority to regulate the manufacturing, distribution, and marketing of tobacco products. (Pub.L. 111-31, H.R. 1256). The new rule also restricts under-age access to newly regulated tobacco products in:

- 1) not allowing products to be sold to those younger than 18 and requiring photo ID; and
- 2) not allowing tobacco products to be sold in vending machines (unless in an adult-only facility).

Beginning in 2018, the product packages and advertisements of all newly-regulated covered tobacco products must bear the following warning statement: "WARNING: This product contains nicotine. Nicotine is an addictive chemical."

In 2016, FDA finalized a rule extending regulatory authority to cover all tobacco products, including vaporizers, vape pens, hookah pens, electronic cigarettes (E-Cigarettes), e-pipes, and all other **ENDS** (Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems) <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/05/10/2016-10685/deeming-tobacco-products-to-be-subject-to-the-federal-food-drug-and-cosmetic-act-as-amended-by-the>

But aren't e-cigarettes safer than regular cigarettes? The evidence is not there, yet. Some people are attempting to use e-cigarettes indoors and in public spaces which are smoke free, like bars, restaurants, libraries, and even public transit. While e-cigarettes do not contain smoke, they do expose others to secondhand emissions. There is no evidence that shows e-cigarettes emissions (secondhand aerosol) are safe for non-users to inhale. Many e-cigarette companies market their product as a tool to help smokers quit. However, the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research has not approved any e-cigarette as a safe or effective method to help smokers quit. Next time you cig-up, think about where those smoke rings go.

Your best defense is to be well-informed. Here are some web sites with additional information:

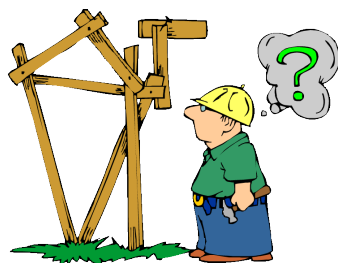
Drug Facts [www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/electronic-cigarettes-e-cigarettes](http://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/electronic-cigarettes-e-cigarettes)

US Food & Drug Administration [www.lung.org/stop-smoking/smoking-facts/e-cigarettes-and-lung-health.html](http://www.lung.org/stop-smoking/smoking-facts/e-cigarettes-and-lung-health.html)

E-Cigs' Inconvenient Truth: It's Much Safer to Vape [www.rollingstone.com/politics/news/e-cigs-inconvenient-truth-its-much-safer-to-vape-20151221](http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/news/e-cigs-inconvenient-truth-its-much-safer-to-vape-20151221)

Scientific American [www.scientificamerican.com/article/smoke-screen-are-e-cigarettes-safe/](http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/smoke-screen-are-e-cigarettes-safe/)

Nature [www.nature.com/news/e-cigarettes-the-lingering-questions-1.15762](http://www.nature.com/news/e-cigarettes-the-lingering-questions-1.15762)

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Title 24, The California Building Code, all 12 Parts, is **available free online**:

<http://www.bsc.ca.gov/Home.aspx>

## Looking at the Web

by Molly Solazzo



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### 10 Perfect Holiday Gifts for Lawyers

[www.insidecounsel.com/2014/11/28/10-perfect-holiday-gifts-for-lawyers?page=2&slreturn=1480960259](http://www.insidecounsel.com/2014/11/28/10-perfect-holiday-gifts-for-lawyers?page=2&slreturn=1480960259)

### Lawyer Toasts

[www.duhaime.org/LawFun/LawArticle-1579/Lawyer-Toasts.aspx](http://www.duhaime.org/LawFun/LawArticle-1579/Lawyer-Toasts.aspx)



## ask a librarian

by Mora Prestinary

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What Is Elder or Dependent Adult Abuse?

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Abuse of:

Someone 65 years old or older; or a dependent adult. A "dependent adult" is someone between 18 and 64 that has certain mental or physical disabilities that keep them from being able to do normal activities or protect themselves.

See California Courts Self-Help web page for more information: <http://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-elder.htm>

To report elder or dependent adult abuse, please call the 24-Hour Elder Abuse Reporting Hotline at 1-877-477-3646 (1-877-4-R-Seniors) or by calling your local police department.

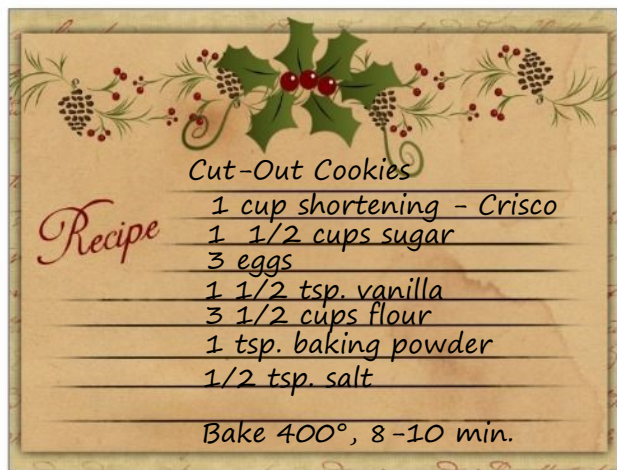
## Holiday Recipe



The best cut-out cookies, ever.

I promise.

(Delicious frozen!)



Pre-heat oven to 400°

In a large bowl cream shortening and sugar together

Add 3 eggs, 1 at a time

Add vanilla

Sift flour, baking powder, salt together, then add to sugar mixture

Roll out dough (about 1/4 inch thick) and cut with cookie cutters

Place on ungreased cookie sheet

Bake at 400° for 8-10 min. (time depends upon how thin the rolled out dough is)

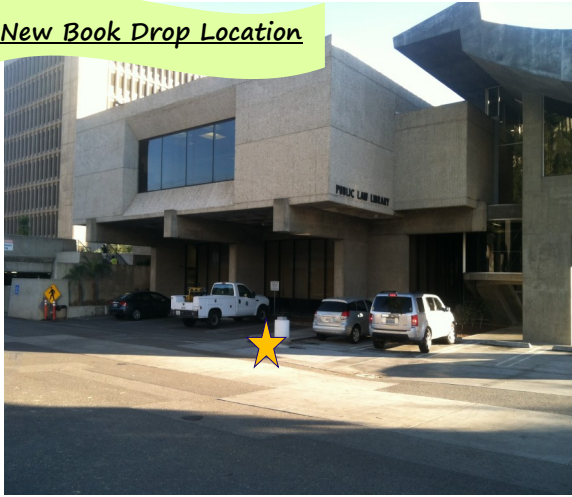
Decorate as desired

Frosting: combine some powdered sugar and milk

Can add food coloring to frosting





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Created by Diane Whitaker & Elizabeth Harmon

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by Patti Walter

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