**E-cigarette use soars as study reveals number of Brits trying 'vaping' doubles in two years**

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**Researchers fear e-cigarettes may be a "gateway" for traditional cigarettes and raised concerns over potential risks**

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E-cigarette use has soared over the past two years, a study has found

The number of people who have tried [e-cigarettes](http://www.mirror.co.uk/all-about/e-cigarettes) has almost doubled across the country in two years.

Over two million Brits now regularly use them, compared with around 10 million who still smoke regular cigarettes.

But while e-cigs are often used by people trying to quit tobacco the number of users who have never smoked is on the up – raising fears they may be a “gateway”.

Use increased from 8.9% in 2012 to 15.5% in 2014, found a study published in the journal Tobacco Control.

But the report warned the risks may not be fully known.

Lead author Dr Filippos Filippidis, of [Imperial College](http://www.mirror.co.uk/all-about/imperial-college) London, said: “We don’t know whether we may start to see diseases emerge in 10 to 20 years’ time.