

UPDATE: This post was initially only for our family and friends to let them know what had happened to our son. It has now been shared over 13,000 times and has received a lot of positive as well as negative comments.

Levi has since had an EEG, ECG, ECHO, HOLTER MONITOR and further bloods completed. All results have come back clear. These tests have ruled out underlying health issues such as epilepsy. All of the doctors have put this down to the use of the BANG disposable vape pen containing nicotine.

The reason we are leaving this post public is to raise awareness of the dangers of CHILDREN using disposable vape pens. We are receiving messages daily from other parents or individuals themselves who have had similar experiences.

WARNING......ASK YOUR KIDS IF THEY VAPE or use e-cigarettes.

10.30 pm Thursday night we had just gone to bed when we heard a loud groaning sound come from Levi's room, thinking he had just hurt himself we called out his name and got no response, then heard the same sound again. Calling his name a second time with no response Renee and I both ran into his room.

He was laying on his back unresponsive and not breathing, this is every parents worst nightmare. Renee called 000 and started CPR while I went into panic mode with Lochy running into the street yelling to get help from our neighbours.

It took 22 minutes for an ambulance to arrive, thankfully by this stage he was conscious and breathing.

Levi was assessed by Paramedics who decided he showed signs of a seizure. He was awake, talking and saying he was ok but just wanted to sleep.

He walked with paramedics to the ambulance and was taken to Gold Coast Hospital for further assessment.

Unfortunately on the way to hospital Levi had a 2nd seizure, he turned blue and stopped breathing for 90 seconds.

At this stage nobody had any idea what was causing this to happen......then we were told he had been vaping. Levi had been using a vape pen immediately before his seizure.

He remained in hospital until 3pm yesterday hooked up to fluids and machines while I sat by his bed with no sleep, stressed, angry, crying and hoping he would be ok.

Bloods and CT scans came back normal however he still needs an MRI, ECG, ECHO and to wear a holter monitor to watch his heart for 24-48 hours.

Doctors and paramedics all put this down to the stupid vape pens which had been purchased without our knowledge.

They are not fun, they are not a "cool" thing to do, they are dangerous and can be fatal.

Ask your kids if they are using these, make them aware of the dangers.

Levi and his friends had a huge wake up call, he was incredibly lucky but it could have been a completely different outcome. Doctors are unsure if he will have any ongoing problems which is why he still needs further tests.

