

VICES&VICES

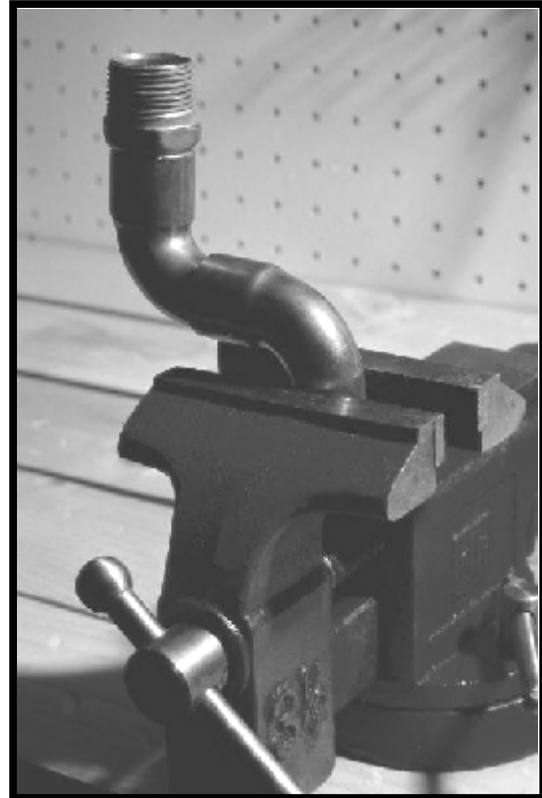
“Vises” come in two types and two spellings:

1. A vise is a mechanical clamp like that shown to the right – used for holding things tightly for some type of work or modification
2. A vice is moral fault or undesirable behavior that, in the extreme, can be depraved and wicked

A vise is formed from steel and includes a gear and lever to hold the piece or work in position. Vises are used in shops of all kinds simply to hold something while additional pressure and force are applied.

A vice can be a variety of bad habits but usually pertains to habits or addictions that are quite serious and may even lead to death. In an odd way, a vice and a vise has some similarity however limited or loose that it may be. A vice can hold someone down in the sense that it limits their abilities and their opportunities. For example, smoking tobacco can reduce the effectiveness of your lungs and respiratory systems. Other forms or types of vices or addictions might include alcohol, legal or illegal drugs, and other substances that harm your mind and body over a long term. Once more, the vices may cause indirect harm to others who care for you and hurt as a consequence.

To further draw a comparison between the two, the metaphorical *jaws* of a vice will grip tightly and not let go; but continue to tighten the grip such that all strength to break the grip is diminished over time. A big word for this process is debilitation – which means to undermine and disable or destroy the strength of something. Our society is marked by vices that have left untold damage and destruction both to the user or primary and still to others. Organizations such as Alcoholics’ Anonymous {AA} and other similar support groups exist to help us when we have vices that lead to addictions of one kind or another. Three cheers for these organizations and their tireless effort and devotion!



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