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#### What they don't want you to know...

Here are some samples collected over the past few years showing the wide range of hazards that electronic cigarettes and vaping devices can pose to users and those around them – from fires and explosions to poisoning and secondhand emissions from a wide range of substances. These unregulated products should not be used in smokefree spaces - including airplanes - where others are exposed to the secondhand emissions and other risks.

For more information, please visit our Electronic Cigarette page: http://www.no-smoke.org/ecigs.html

# At-a-glance key:



= Fire



= Poison



= House Fire



= Kid involved

= Car-involved

= Bodily injury/burns



= Explosion/overheated



= Teen involved



= Explosion/fire in pants

= Teeth broken/blown out



= Death



= Airplane/Airport



= Veteran



= Lung damage/respiratory



= Hospital



= Lawsuit



= Research/article/study/data



= Pets



Orange Coast College student gets 2nd-degree burns after e-cigarette batteries ignite in pocket http://www.ocregister.com/articles/batteries-709292-coates-fire.html

An 18-year-old is recovering from burns Tuesday after batteries for an e-cigarette ignited in his pants pocket and started a fire in Costa Mesa, officials said. Firefighters were called to the Orange Coast College campus at 4:14 p.m., where they found the student injured after another person put out the blaze, said Capt. Chris Coates of the Costa Mesa Fire Department.

March 19, 2016 Warning article

E-cigarette explosions can cause devastating injuries, doctors warn [VIDEO]

http://www.ctvnews.ca/health/e-cigarette-explosions-can-cause-devastating-injuries-doctors-warn-1.2824653

With thousands of Canadians now vaping regularly, doctors are warning about one of the little-known risks of e-cigarettes: sudden explosions that can cause devastating injuries. Just last week, a teen in Kitchener, Ont., was taken to hospital with severe burns caused by a vaporizer that exploded inside the car he was driving. Sean McGrath was driving when the ecigarette his friend was holding suddenly exploded, bouncing off the windshield and setting the dashboard on fire.



March 21, 2016 Pet Poison Helpline (Naples, FL) noted a 400% increase in pet poisonings

**E-Cigarettes Dangers: E-Cigarettes Allegedly Poisonous For Pets** 

http://www.parentherald.com/articles/30093/20160320/e-cigarettes-poisonous-to-pets-heres-why.htm

E-cigarette users should be careful in using their vaporizers when there are pets around. Experts claim that the smoke emitted from these e-cigarettes are very poisonous for cats and dogs. Wink News reported that the Pet Poison Helpline in Naples, Florida has noted a 400 percent increase in pet poisonings linked to e-cigarettes. "It's a very real ...

March 18, 2016 Article about dangers. Injuries include: skin grafts, 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns to hands/legs.

3 men suffer serious burns from e-cigarette battery fires

http://www.ems1.com/weird-news/articles/72121048-3-men-suffer-serious-burns-from-e-cigarette-battery-fires/

In three separate incidents since late December, Pittsburgh area men have received severe burns when spare lithiumion batteries sparked fires inside their pants pockets. Two required skin grafts to their thighs while another, spotting smoke rising from his pocket, reached inside and received second-degree burns to his hand.

March 17, 2016 E-cigarette ignited in carry-on, quickly extinguished. No injuries.

Delta Flight Delayed After E-Cigarette Ignites In Passenger's Carry-On

http://abcnews.go.com/US/delta-flight-delayed-cigarette-ignites-passengers-carry/story?id=37710018

Delta spokeswoman Ashley Black said, "During the boarding process of Delta Flight 689 traveling from ATL to STL around 7 p.m. Wednesday night, a customer's bag ignited from an e-cigarette. The bag was safely extinguished with no damage to the aircraft. T

March 15, 2016 FYI - Vapor strong enough to set off fire alarms in airport. No injuries.

E-cig forces evacuation of Austin airport

http://wbay.com/2016/03/15/e-cig-forces-evacuation-of-austin-airport/

Someone smoking an electronic cigarette in a restroom triggered two fire alarms at Austin Bergstrom (Texas) International Airport.

Mar 14, 2016 Minor injuries, car has extensive damage

E-cigarette explodes inside parked car, hurts local teen

KITCHENER — An e-cigarette explosion turned into a small car fire on Snowdrop Crescent in Kitchener Monday evening, leaving a teen with minor injuries and a car with extensive damage. Emergency crews arrived at the usually quiet suburban area to find 18-year-old Evan Williams lying on the road, struggling to breathe. He had leaned in to take a puff of his e-cigarette inside a parked car when it blew up.

March 10, 2016 Warning article

Keven Moore: Recent video begs the question - Just how safe are these new age electronic cigarettes?

http://www.nkytribune.com/2016/03/keven-moore-recent-video-begs-the-question-just-how-safe-are-these-new-age-electronic-cigarettes/

... It's been estimated that 80 percent of e-cigarette explosions happen during charging. One case study, from the American Journal of Medical Case Reports, looked into a February 2015 incident in New Jersey, and could not find a specific cause for the explosion that took place when the e-cigarette was stored in the user's pocket, however, they theorize "that poor design, use of low-quality materials, manufacturing flaws and defects, and improper use and handling can all contribute to a condition known as 'thermal runaway,' whereby the internal battery temperature can increase to the point of causing a battery fire or explosion...

March 9, 2016 House burned down. Possible cause of fire: e-cig or cell phone

County family loses home to fire

http://www.madisonvillemeteor.com/news/article 5b5d4ec6-e574-11e5-95ba-d300abddcd6f.html

A Madisonville family was displaced Friday morning by a house fire that destroyed their Derby Lane home. ... An investigation is ongoing but there was initial speculation that the blaze could have ignited by an electronic cigarette or a cell phone charging on a table. "The e-cigarettes have been known to ignite even when they're not charging," Jones said. "It spread pretty quickly. They heard a pop and opened the door to the living room, and the living room was on fire." ...

#### Las Vegas man badly injured after e-cig battery explodes

http://www.ktnv.com/news/man-prepares-lawsuit-after-battery-explodes

King said he had the battery for his vaping device in his left pocket when it exploded, ... His attorneys say the batteries used in the vaping devices are often ...

March 4, 2016 Battery blew in apt. Shot like bullet. Burned all it touched. No injuries. Efest brand battery Local man says e-cigarette charger exploded on him, caught on fire [VIDEO]

http://www.wwltv.com/news/local-man-says-e-cigarette-charger-exploded-on-him-caught-on-fire/66623741

NEW ORLEANS - Just days ago, video of a man's pocket catching on fire in a store went viral. It happened when his e-cigarette battery exploded. Now it's happened to a local man, who had never seen that video, and he says he, and his friends, barely escaped injury. Chef Casey Giardina, 28, and his friends had returned home after a weekend crawfish boil when he took out his e-cigarette to vape. "It exploded and took off in my hand just like a bottle rocket or a roman candle," said Giardina.

March 4, 2016 Suffered burns

Howard County man suffers burns after e-cigarette explodes in his pocket [VIDEO]

http://www.abc2news.com/news/in-focus/howard-county-man-suffers-burns-after-e-cigarette-explodes-in-his-pocket

A Howard County man suffered burns after his vaping device exploded. Howard County Fire and Rescue responded to a Fulton address Wednesday, after receiving a 911 call that a man's vape exploded in his pocket. Crews took the man to Howard County General Hospital to treat his burns. ...

March 4, 2016 2nd and 3rd degree burns, needs skin grafts on leg

Robbie Robson, from Aylesham, left with burns after e-cigarette batteries exploded in his pocket

http://www.kentonline.co.uk/dover/news/e-cigarette-batteries-explode-in-mans-92018/

An ex-smoker faces a skin graft in a burns unit after his e-cigarette batteries exploded in his pocket and set his trousers on fire. Robbie Robson suffered second and third degree burns to his legs when the Chinese-made hardware "went off like a firework". ...

March 4, 2016 Op-ed piece about regulating due to various dangers

It's time to regulate e-cigarettes

http://www.latimes.com/opinion/editorials/la-ed-0304-fda-ecigs-20160303-story.html

Exploding hover boards may have gotten all the attention lately, but electronic cigarettes have also been showing a disturbing tendency to spontaneously combust, injuring a growing number of people whose devices have blown up in their faces or pockets. ... Although product liability lawsuits have been filed against the retailers and wholesalers, regulations would help stop injuries before they happen by giving the FDA the authority to require the devices to meet federal safety standards.

March 4, 2016 Exploded in face, 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns on chest, over 50 stitches in nose, lost his left eye, 9 days in hospital getting 3 different surgeries

E-cigarette explodes, man loses eye [VIDEO]

http://www.wect.com/story/31386547/e-cigarette-explodes-man-loses-eye

Christopher Richards said he took his first cigarette at the age of nine. By the time he was a teen, smoking cigarettes was a habit. Fast forward two decades later, Richards said he was looking for a way to kick the habit, so about two years ago he picked up an e-cig. ... "I remembered hearing a loud, almost like a bomb, and the car just started to fill up with smoke," Richards recalled.

March 4, 2016 Op-ed mentions other nations & how they're handling issue of e-cigs/youth:

We're unsure if e-cigarettes are harmful, but it still makes sense to restrict them

http://theconversation.com/were-unsure-if-e-cigarettes-are-harmful-but-it-still-makes-sense-to-restrict-them-55777

E-cigarettes have rapidly risen in popularity in recent years and are now the subject of heated debate as to whether they are effective in helping smokers quit tobacco or whether they are actually making smoking attractive to young people. Are they a way for Big Tobacco to protect its profits in markets where smoking is declining and lure people back into nicotine addiction or are they just a fashion that will quickly lose its appeal?

#### http://denver.cbslocal.com/2016/03/03/vape-pen-explosion-victim-suffered-severe-burns/

AURORA, Colo. (CBS4)— A teenager from the Denver metro area is recovering after a vape pen he was using exploded in his face. It happened on Jan. 3, but the 16-year-old is still receiving treatment for his badly burned skin and scarred eyes. She told CBS4's Kelly Werthmann that her son was home when it happened and the first thing she heard was a loud crash. Occurred Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>

March 3, 2016 Blew up in car, set interior on fire, no injuries

'The battery blew out like a rocket': Shocking images of teacher's car destroyed by exploding e-cigarette

http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/the-battery-blew-out-like-7484644

A teaching assistant's £1,500 car was destroyed when her electronic cigarette exploded inside it while it was charging. Lindsay Dean, 27, was horrified when she rushed out of a lesson to find her Volkswagen Polo engulfed in flames. She said: "The battery had blown out like a rocket." It had fired over the driver's seat and into the back seat and set light to the interior of the car. ...

March 3, 2016 Warning about dangers of exploding ecigs

The exploding e-cigarettes toll: Users lose teeth and need skin grafts after spate of fires

http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/exploding-e-cigarettes-toll-users-7484194

Around 2.2 million Brits smoke e-cigs and firefighters now attend at least one fire a week caused by the gadgets
The Local Government Association, which represents 49 fire and rescue authorities in England and Wales, said "vaping" was now a "major cause for concern"... LGA spokesman Jeremy Hilton said: "The number of fires caused by e-cigarettes is a major cause for concern. Firefighters all over the country are being called out to deal with these types of incidents more regularly. They seem to be happening every week, although the true figure is unknown as we understand many cases are going unreported. ...

March 3, 2016 Effort to protect non-users from aerosol

New Department of Transportation rule will ban use of e-cigarettes on planes

http://www.latimes.com/travel/deals/la-trb-dot-bans-e-cigs-20160302-story.html

On Wednesday, the Department of Transportation announced a final rule banishing the use of the devices on commercial aircraft, including charters. The rule will go into effect 30 days after it is published in the Federal Register, which will be Friday. That would make its implementation date April 3, a Sunday. You can download and read the rule here. "This final rule is important because it protects airline passengers from unwanted exposure to aerosol fumes that occur when electronic cigarettes are used onboard airplanes,"...

March 2, 2016 Support of ecig ban on planes

IL senator applauds DOT decision to ban e-cigs on airplanes

http://www.kfvs12.com/story/31368478/il-senator-applauds-dot-decision-to-ban-e-cigs-on-airplanes

WASHINGTON (KFVS) - U.S. Senators Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) applauded the Department of Transportation's announcement Wednesday that the use of electronic cigarettes on commercial flights will be explicitly banned. ...

March 1, 2016 Warning about explosion and other health consequences/dangers

Is Vaping More Dangerous Than You Think?

http://www.attn.com/stories/6259/vape-explosion-causes-third-degree-burns

Marcus Forzani, a 17-year-old Colorado high schooler, is speaking out about the dangers of vaporizer pens after one reportedly exploded in his pocket last week, scorching his leg and hand. ...

March 1, 2016 Warning article

**SAFETY ALERT: Exploding vapor pens [VIDEO]** 

http://fox21news.com/2016/02/29/safety-alert-exploding-vapor-pens/

A growing number of users are having their vape pens explode, causing serious injuries. One vape shop tells us this problem happens a lot more often than people in the industry want to admit. ...

March 1, 2016 Warning article

**Everything You Need To Know About E-Cigarette Explosions** 

http://www.techtimes.com/articles/137454/20160301/are-e-cigarettes-the-new-hoverboard.htm

While CBS News went as far as to equate hoverboards with e-cigs (or, as they're also known, personal vapes) as the new product to watch out for (for safety ...

February 29, 2016 Article about dangers

Explosive lawsuit could light up e-cigarette industry [VIDEO]

http://abc7news.com/news/explosive-lawsuit-could-light-up-e-cigarette-industry/1224224/

They're peaking in popularity, but are they sagging in safety? An explosive lawsuit could light up the e-cigarette industry. ... But explosions and fires from e-cigarettes are no surprise at all to the industry, or the ... E-cigarettes are sometimes billed as a safer alternative to real cigarettes ...

February 29, 2016 2nd/3rd degree burns on hands/leg, needed surgery/surgeries

Castle Rock teen suffers serious burns after vaporizer battery explodes in pocket [VIDEO]

http://kdvr.com/2016/02/28/castle-rock-teen-suffers-third-degree-burns-after-vaporizer-battery-explodes-in-his-pocket/
CASTLE ROCK, Colo. -- A father and his teenage son are issuing a strong warning to others after 17-year old Marcus Forzani suffered second- and third-degree burns when a vaporizer batter exploded in his pocket. On Thursday, Marcus' leg was charred black and blistering over after he said a vaporizer battery exploded in his pocket while at school.

February 29, 2016 Kick 10 days in hospital, lost feeling in leg, child nearby

E-cigarette explodes in man's pocket 'like a rocket' - 'melting' his leg and missing his son by inches

http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/e-cigarette-explodes-mans-pocket-7464866

A <u>shocking e-cigarette explosion</u> has been caught on camera - as a battery bursts into flames in a man's pocket just inches from his seven-year-old son. Mick Bennett, 47, was severely burned and spent 10 days in <u>Wythenshawe Hospital in Manchester</u>, needing skin grafts. He has also lost some feeling in his leg due to nerve damage.

February 29, 2016 Study: E-cigs more harmful than Hong Kong air, flame retardant found in e-cigs

E-Cigarettes One Million Times More Harmful Than Air In Hong Kong, Chinese Study Finds

http://www.ibtimes.com/e-cigarettes-one-million-times-more-harmful-air-hong-kong-chinese-study-finds-2327122 Electronic cigarettes may be more dangerous than previously thought. E-cigarettes contained 1 million times more of a cancer-causing substance than heavily polluted Hong Kong air, a new study from Hong Kong Baptist University found. Researchers also discovered that the electronic devices contain a type of flame retardant that can affect the reproductive system and could lead to cancer, the South China Morning Post reported Monday.

• More coverage on issue: <a href="http://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/health-environment/article/1918571/million-times-more-harmful-outdoor-air-hong-kong">http://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/health-environment/article/1918571/million-times-more-harmful-outdoor-air-hong-kong</a>

Feb 27, 2016 Story about frequency of explosions/fires

Frequency of E-Cigarette Explosions May Force FDA to Regulate [VIDEO]

http://abcnews.go.com/WNT/video/frequency-cigarette-explosions-force-fda-regulate-37251118

... a bill to expand oversight of recreational use of electronic cigarettes. ... 80% of all fires involving electronic cigarettes it happened during the charging fees. ...

Feb 27, 2016 2nd/3rd degree burns, skin grafts, was in car

Lad horrifically burned after e-cig bursts into 'exploding firework'

http://www.dailystar.co.uk/news/latest-news/497502/lad-burned-after-ecig-bursts-into-flames-ecigarette-vaping-device-explosion-injury

Alex Stojadinovic, 26, was severely scorched on his hands and legs when the device combusted as he was in his car. Alex, a social worker from Bedford, said that his device burst into a "foot long fire" and left him with second and third degree burns to his legs and hands. "I couldn't feel my left hand, my trousers were melted to my leg. I was black on my leg and hand," says Alex. He was hospitalised for a week and required skin grafts to help repair some of the damage caused.

Feb 26, 2016 Caused minor fire. Was being charged with charger not provided by manufacturer

Electronic cigarette explodes while charging in Rochester apartment

http://www.wmur.com/news/electronic-cigarette-explodes-while-charging-in-rochester-apartment/38217228

The Rochester Fire Department is putting out a warning about electronic cigarettes after one exploded inside a man's Rochester apartment early Friday morning. ...



Valley man recovering after e-cig explosion [VIDEO]

http://www.fox10phoenix.com/news/arizona-news/98062903-story

... The only thing he had in his pocket were two batteries for his e-cig. He spent a week at the Maricopa Medical Center's Burn Unit, and doctors say he isn't the first. "It sounded like you had a pocket full of fireworks going off," said David Garcia. Garcia has 2nd and 3rd-degree burns mostly on his right leg. He spent seven days in the hospital, where doctors did skin graphs on his leg, and his fingers were also badly burned. He was driving when something in his pocket exploded.



Woman severely burned in e-cigarette explosion [VIDEO]

http://www.winknews.com/2016/02/26/woman-severely-burned-in-e-cigarette-explosion/

NAPLES, Fla.- A woman was severely burned on her face, neck, and hands when she says her e-cigarette exploded in her face Thursday night. Cassandra Koziol says she was in her car outside her home on Hickory Wood Drive using her e-cigarette when it exploded.

February 25, 2016 Blog article/warning by Perez Hilton

Don't Look, Leo! A Vape Pen Exploded In This Man's Pocket — And Apparently It Happens With E-Cigarettes ALL THE TIME! [VIDEO]

 $\frac{http://perezhilton.com/2016-02-25-electronic-cigarette-burns-leg-vape-explodes-convenience-store-scary-video\#. Vs82yOao7Ms$ 

A man named Josh Hamilton — no, not the actor — was minding his own business over the weekend when he walked into a convenience store for a snack and walked out with third degree burns. Apparently, the Kentucky native was carrying an electronic cigarette in his pocket, and when he reached in to grab some change, the lithium ion battery exploded through his pants! ... Hundreds of reports have come in from all across the country of vapes exploding while in use, damaging mouths and hands — and yes, exploding in pockets when they aren't even in use!

February 25, 2016 2nd and 3rd degree burns on leg (two other stories in article already mentioned in doc)

Engineer becomes victim of yet ANOTHER exploding e-cigarette battery

 $\frac{http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-3463653/Engineer-victim-exploding-e-cigarette-battery-24-year-old-s-leg-set-fire-device-blows-pocket.html}{}$ 

A 24-year-old has been left with horrific burns after an e-cigarette battery blew up in his pocket and set his entire leg on fire. Robbie Robson's leg went up in flames and a loud bang went off 'like a firework' as his fiance Kerry Anne watched on and screamed in shock. The civil engineer suffered second and third degree burns and may require surgery ...

February 25, 2016 Story about exploding ecigs

Fire explosions linked to e-cigarettes spark safety concerns

http://www.cbsnews.com/news/e-cigarettes-fire-hazards-lithium-ion-battery-american-vaping-association/

...But vaping advocates maintain that reports of explosions from e-cigarettes are rare. In a statement, the American Vaping Association said: "When charged and used under proper conditions, vapor product batteries pose no more of a fire risk than similar lithium-ion batteries that are used in cell phones and laptops." ...

February 24, 2016 E-cig blew up, hit him in face while driving, not injured

Cecil County man says e-cigarette exploded in his face [VIDEO]

http://www.abc2news.com/news/in-focus/cecil-county-man-says-e-cigarette-exploded-in-his-face

... Dwayne Cahill says he was driving while smoking his e-cigarette when it got extremely hot and the battery blew out. He says the end of the battery hit him in the face and that it could have been much worse. ...

Feb 24, 2016 Article about introduced Air Freight Ban. Dangers of fires on planes mentioned.

Problems with Lithium Batteries Persist as Air Freight Ban Introduced

http://www.handyshippingguide.com/shipping-news/problems-with-lithium-batteries-persist-as-air-freight-ban-introduced 6997

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Governing Council has adopted a new aviation safety measure prohibiting, on an interim basis, all shipments of lithium-ion batteries as cargo on passenger aircraft. The prohibition of lithium-ion cargo shipments on passenger aircraft has been eagerly awaited by industry associations, with long-time advocates, the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA), welcoming the move to mitigate what it has previously called the 'most pressing hazmat safety issue' in the aviation community.



February 24, 2016 Research about antibiotic-resistant pathogens in ecigs

Steer clear of antibiotic-resistant pathogens by not vaping

http://www.idahostatesman.com/living/health-fitness/article62302042.html

Researchers at UC San Diego School of Medicine recently did a lab-based test on the effects of e-liquids from seven manufacturers. Their study published in the Journal of Molecular Medicine found that daily inhalation of e-cig vapors triggers inflammation, kills off cells in your airways and lungs, and boosts the virulence of bacteria. ...



February 24, 2016 3rd degree burns on leg

VIDEO: E-cigarette explodes in man's pants

http://www.valleynewslive.com/home/headlines/VIDEO-E-cigarette-explodes-in-mans-pants-369968501.html

OWENSBORO, KY (Valley News Live) - Surveillance video from a convenience store in Kentucky captures the possible dangers associated with e-cigarettes. As the man stands at the counter, you can see fire shooting out of his pants pocket as he desperately tries to put them out. He says a battery from his e-cigarette exploded while he was at a register.

February 24, 2016 No injuries. Warning against having change/keys in pocket w/ecigs

E-cigarette blows up at Lyndhurst plastic surgery office [VIDEO]

http://www.newsnet5.com/news/local-news/cleveland-metro/e-cigarette-blows-up-at-lyndhurst-plastic-surgery-office

The Lyndhurst Fire Department responded to call at a plastic surgeon's office where an e-cigarette blew up in an employees pocket. ... Many hospitals and medical offices have banned e-cigarettes. newsnet5.com asked employees at the plastic surgeon's office, where this happened, if this will change their policies. They wouldn't comment.

February 22, 2016





Might have nerve damage, burns to leg, child present

Mum's legs badly burned after e-cig battery EXPLODES in her handbag

http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/6948117/Mums-legs-badly-burned-after-e-cig-battery-EXPLODES-in-herhandbag.html

A MUM has been left with horrendous burns after an e-cigarette battery EXPLODED and set fire to her legs. Scorched Jana Barker had her seven-year-old daughter Janka in the back of her car, when the fake fag battery "went off like a firework" and engulfed her bag in flames. With a deafening bang the explosion also set fire to the back seats of the Peugeot 306.



February 22, 2016 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns, skin graft battery made by E-cig firm E-Fest Power

'My leg went up like a flare' Bloke suffers horrific burns from pocket explosion [VIDEO]

http://www.dailystar.co.uk/news/latest-news/496278/E-cigarette-battery-third-degree-burns-pocket-explosion

Wullie Scott's says his e-cigarette exploded in a terrifying blast at his mum and dad's kitchen. \ He had burns as far down to his shin and even his wrist from trying to beat out the flames. The 34-year-old, who needed a skin graft, had been visiting his



Feb 20, 2016 Article: 4 patients since October.

E-cigs are exploding in vapers' mouths, leaving gruesome injuries

http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/health/exploding-e-cigarettes-send-vapers-to-harborview-with-gruesomeinjuries/

Burn and trauma experts at Seattle's Harborview Medical Center have treated four patients just since October with face and hand injuries that occurred in e-cigarette explosions. It's part of a worrisome national trend, officials say.

- Last December, 24-year-old Daniel Pickett was driving when the e-cigarette he was holding exploded and tore his hand and arm. Pickett, of Cashmere, Chelan County, was rushed to a local hospital but had to be sent by air ambulance to Seattle. Had five surgeries, skin grafts from forearm and elbow. Hope to regain use of right hand.
- In October, a 24-year-old man lost his eight front teeth, top and bottom, to the blast, plus oral surgery later to remove four more. He suffered cuts to his lips and gums, plus burns to his right eye.
- In November, a 24-year-old woman suffered tears to her nose and upper lip when an e-cigarette explosion ripped out her nose ring. Such wounds are difficult to repair and could result in permanent scarring, Brownson said.

• This month, a 25-year-old man working in an e-cigarette shop suffered second-degree burns to his face and right hand when a device blew up.

Feb 19, 2016 2nd degree burns on hand/leg

Utah man burned by exploding battery urges other e-cigarette users to be cautious [VIDEO]

http://fox13now.com/2016/02/19/utah-man-burned-by-exploding-battery-urges-other-e-cigarette-users-to-be-cautious/
SALT LAKE CITY -- Some Utahns are learning the painful way that e-cigarette batteries and metal objects can be a hazardous combination. Car keys, a money ... Austin Mark said he was on his lunch break and put some change in his pocket, and shortly after that he was rushed to a hospital. ...

Thu, Feb 18, 2016 2nd and 3rd degree burns on leg, skin graft

'My leg was covered in fire' Young father scarred for life after e-cig battery EXPLODES

http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/645326/young-father-covered-in-fire-scarred-for-life-e-cig-battery-explodes-in-pocket A YOUNG father has been left scarred for life after an e-cigarette battery exploded "a firework" in his pocket. Dan Walker, 20, was in a shop when his trousers burst into flames at around 3pm on Saturday. He tried to pull down his jogging bottoms and shoppers were forced to roll him on the ground to extinguish the fire.

February 17, 2016 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns on leg

Utah man says he suffered third-degree burns after e-cigarette exploded in his pocket [VIDEO]

http://fox13now.com/2016/02/17/utah-man-says-he-suffered-third-degree-burns-after-e-cigarette-exploded-in-his-pocket/ A southern Utah man is claiming his e-cigarette exploded in his pocket on Monday. "I was told that I have first, second and third-degree burns on my leg," said Brian Musgrave. A hole is burned through his jeans and his leg is heavily bandaged. He says the e-cigarette unit had been on a smart charger.

February 12, 2016 UPDATE to January 28th story. Lawsuit.

Man whose e-cigarette exploded sues manufacturer and store

The Union Leader - February 12, 2016

http://www.unionleader.com/Man-whose-e-cigarette-exploded-sues-manufacturer-and-store

A lawsuit has been filed against the manufacturer of and the store that sold a vapor cigarette that exploded in a Moultonborough man's pocket last month, causing second- and third-degree burns. ...

February 11, 2016 Warning story. Tells of incidents.

Warnings after 'cheap' e-cigarette explodes in man's face 'like a firework'

https://au.news.yahoo.com/technology/a/30789873/warnings-about-cheap-e-cigg-batteries-overheating-and-exploding-causing-injuries-and-fires/

There are new warnings for e-cigarette users after batteries in a number of cheaper products have exploded in users faces. Cheap and inferior e-cigarettes have flooded the market as more smokers take up vaping in an effort to quit tobacco. ... "It was exactly like a firework – you would've thought it was a firework," Mr Paterson said. ...

February 10, 2016 Warning story. Tells of incidents.

Vape Pens and E-Cigs Are Blowing Up. Like, Literally

http://www.wired.com/2016/02/exploding-e-cigs-and-vape-pens/

Some people hail vaping as a <u>safer alternative</u> to cigarettes, arguing that there's no tobacco smoke, so it's got to be safer. It remains to be seen if that's true, and there is some evidence that <u>the stuff inside vapes and e-cigs</u> is toxic. But beyond that, there's the fact these things occasionally blow up. You hadn't heard about this? Some pretty gruesome reports are starting to pile up.

February 9, 2016 Suffered burns

Derbyshire man hospitalised after e-cigarette battery overheated in pocket

http://www.buxtonadvertiser.co.uk/news/local/derbyshire-man-hospitalised-after-e-cigarette-battery-overheated-in-pocket-1-7723273

A Chesterfield man had to go to hospital with burns after a faulty e-cigarette battery overheated in his pocket. The loose batteries, which are from a trader in Nottinghamshire, overheated in the man's pocket, burning him and damaging his clothing as well - leaving him needing hospital treatment,

Story about exploding e-cigs, no one is keeping track of explosions February 7, 2016

Man (22) 'lucky' to be alive after e-cigarette explodes in his mouth

http://www.independent.ie/world-news/europe/man-22-lucky-to-be-alive-after-ecigarette-explodes-in-his-mouth-34430659.html

A 22-year-old man says he's lucky to be alive after his e-cigarette exploded in his mouth and caused considerable burns to his mouth and hands. Ryan Bailey suffered a terrifying experience when his e-cigarette exploded while he was smoking it.s ...

February 7, 2016 Burns to lips/hand, damage to teeth, 4 operations on hand, including skin graft.

E-cigarette Explosions: CBS12 uncovers government agencies ignoring fire dangers

http://cbs12.com/news/cbs12-investigates/e-cigarette-explosions-cbs12-uncovers-government-agencies-ignoring-firedangers

CBS12 Investigates found there is no federal government agency keeping track of the electronic cigarette explosions. We questioned the lack of oversight after we found numerous cases of people getting seriously hurt when their e-cigarette exploded. ...

February 4, 2016 3rd degree burns to hands/face, lacerations, flash burn to eye, pain in lungs from inhaling fumes and debris. Kennedy Atomizer

(Dec 20th incident) Pismo man sues after he's injured by exploding e-cigarette

http://www.newtimesslo.com/news/13377/pismo-man-sues-after-hes-injured-by-exploding-ecigarette/

A Pismo Beach man who says he was severely injured by an exploding e-cigarette filed a lawsuit against the device's manufacturer, and the local shop that provided it to him. According to the lawsuit, Darin Dyroff suffered third-degree burns to his hands and face, as well as other injuries, as a result of the explosion. The incident occurred on Dec. 20, while Dyroff was using an e-cigarette device at VIP Vapor Shop and Lounge in Pismo Beach.

February 3, 2016 February 3, 2016 Teeth blown-out, needs root canals, blew-out large chunks of jaw bone Missoula teenager loses teeth to exploding e-cigarette

http://www.ktvh.com/2016/02/missoula-teenager-loses-teeth-to-exploding-e-cigarette/

With increasing stigmas surrounding cigarettes, many smokers have replaced their tobacco with electronic cigarettes or vaporizers. But while e-cigarettes are often marketed as a safer alternative to tobacco, some devices have been known to explode. ... A Missoula teenager's e-cigarette recently exploded while he was using it, causing massive damage to his mouth. A Missoula dentist who saw the aftermath said the trauma was worse than the results of any car accident he had ever seen.

February 2, 2016 Article: refers to exploding e-cigs

In a heartbeat: Electronic cigarette use among young people

http://triblive.com/news/healthnews/9885031-74/battery-cigarettes-cigarette

Electronic cigarette use among young people has surpassed traditional cigarette use, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The increased popularity comes with risks, because their batteries have been known to explode ...

February 1, 2016 Article refers to exploding e-cigarettes

John Seven: We overlook real risks — like exploding e-cigarettes

http://www.berkshireeagle.com/columnists/ci 29459413/john-seven-we-overlook-real-risks-like-exploding

... exploding cigars have made a comeback in the form of exploding e-cigarettes. One was an incident in Canada involving a 16-year-old and resulting in face burns and broken teeth. The other was in Germany, resulting in the same. One quick search and I found a yet another recent incident, this one in New Hampshire, but this time, it was just his e-cigarette battery that was in his pocket...

January 29, 2016 Warning/House fire of a firefighter

Blaze hazard at Essex firefighter's home prompts warning over ...

http://www.hertsandessexobserver.co.uk/Blaze-hazard-Essex-firefighter-8217-s-home/story-28631146-detail/story.html Make sure that e-cigarettes are bought from a reputable source and are used and charged in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. Keep electrical ...

January 29, 2016 Story: 4 e-cigarette-related incidents since December

Colorado vapers burned by exploding e-cigarettes

http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci 29450686/colorado-smokers-have-been-burned-by-exploding-e

Electronic cigarettes are being championed as safer alternatives to old-school tobacco, but some users - and one top Colorado doctor - say e-cigarettes can explode and cause serious burns. Dr. Anne Wagner, medical director of the <u>University of Colorado Hospital Burn Center</u> in Aurora, treated Shonkwiler and said she has seen four e-cigarette-related burns at the burn center from December to early January...



^ January, 13, 2016 battery rubbed up against a coin

Alexander Shonkwiler, 19, is recovering in his mom's house in Colorado Springs after an e-cigarette battery charred the 19-year-old's right leg so badly he needed skin grafts. Shonkwiler began using e-cigs to help him break his packaday habit. "Now, I'm totally on the fence about them (e-cigarettes)," Shonkwiler said. "It was a totally freak accident. But I also have that fear I'm going to blow my face off. I might just go cold turkey instead."

January 29, 2016 Article/Warning

**Watch out for Exploding E-Cigarettes** 

http://www.natlawreview.com/article/watch-out-exploding-e-cigarettes

... Healthy, right? Safe alternative to tobacco cigarettes, right? Well, increasingly, there is evidence nationwide that while smoking tobacco cigarettes is a long-term threat to one's health, using some e-cigarettes may subject the user to sudden catastrophic injury resulting from e-cig explosions and fires. All across America, from big city to small town, from highly educated professionals to blue collar workers, sudden and catastrophic e-cigarette explosions are happening with increased frequency. ...

January 29, 2016 Teeth blown out, facial injuries.

E-cigarettes: Man's teeth blown out while smoking e-cigarette

http://metro.co.uk/2016/01/29/mans-teeth-blown-out-while-smoking-e-cigarette-5651956/

A man lost a number of teeth and suffered serious facial injuries when an e-cigarette exploded in his mouth. The battery blew up while the 20-year-old German man was inhaling from it, according to police in Cologne...

January 29, 2016 Flames burned shoulder and face

Veteran Don George is permanently scarred after e-cigarette exploded [VIDEO]

 $\frac{http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3422869/Flames-came-shooting-bottom-Veteran-34-permanently-scarred-e-cigarette-exploded-near-face.html}{\\$ 

An Air Force veteran filed a lawsuit on Thursday after he says he was badly burned by an e-cigarette. Don George of Los Angeles, California is suing the Lancaster store where he bought an e-cigarette that allegedly exploded, causing him physical harm. 'The actual flames singed my face,' ...

January 29, 2016 Teeth/braces fell out, lacerations to lip/tongue

**E-cigarette Explodes in Calif. Teen's Mouth** 

Firehouse.com (press release) (registration) (blog) -

http://www.firehouse.com/news/12163789/e-cigarette-explodes-in-calif-teens-mouth

An electronic cigarette exploded in a 15-year-old Windsor boy's mouth, causing him to lose about a half-dozen teeth, police and fire officials said. ... "His teeth literally fell out with braces on them," Foreman said. "He had lacerations to his lip and tongue. It literally exploded in his mouth." ...

January 28, 2016 2nd and 3rd degree burns to hand and leg Shenzhen Kanger Technology Co. of China Man Suffers Second-Degree Burns After E-Cigarette Battery Explodes

http://www.techtimes.com/articles/128256/20160128/man-suffers-second-degree-burns-after-e-cigarette-battery-explodes.htm

A 26-year-old man suffered severe burns on his hands and legs after the battery of an e-cigarette exploded in his pocket while he was at his workplace at Tilton, New Hampshire. ... Gilson, an employee at the store that assembled his vaporizer, underwent his second surgery last Monday and received multiple skin grafts. His recovery is expected to take months. ...

January 28, 2016 Article on exploding e-cigarettes

Exploding e-cigarettes? Here's what Canadians need to know [VIDEO]

http://www2.ljworld.com/weblogs/heard hill/2016/jan/26/student-senate-hosting-public-forum-on-e/

The case of an Alberta teen who claims an e-cigarette exploded in his face is raising new questions surrounding regulations on a product that's grown from a niche market to the mainstream. ... While explosions or fires from e-cigarettes are extremely rare they are not unheard of. ...

January 27, 2016 Research: E-cigarettes can kill lung cells

E-cigarette can directly kill lung cells

http://www.thestatesman.com/news/science-and-tech/e-cigarette-can-directly-kill-lung-cells/119372.html

A team of US researchers has found that e-cigarettes are toxic and can directly attack lung cells, weakening the immune system and boosting bacterial virulence. ...

January 26, 2016 Research: E-cigarettes can dampened immune system

E-Cigarette Vapor Boosts Superbugs and Dampens Immune System

http://www.newswise.com/articles/e-cigarette-vapor-boosts-superbugs-and-dampens-immune-system

... San Diego School of Medicine and Veterans Affairs San Diego Healthcare System report data suggesting that e-cigarettes are toxic to human airway cells, ...

January 26, 2016 2nd and 3rd degree burns, fractured teeth

Alberta teen injured after he says e-cigarette exploded [VIDEO]

http://globalnews.ca/news/2479197/alberta-teen-injured-after-he-says-e-cigarette-exploded/

Lethbridge, Alta. - An Alberta teen is facing a long and expensive recovery after being injured when he says an e-cigarette blew up on him. According to Ty Greer, he and a friend were smoking an e-cigarette when Ty said it exploded in his mouth. Pictures of the teen reveal charred, blackened skin and fractured teeth.

January 26, 2016 Severe burns to hand, wrist and fingers

Bartender, 21, suffered agonising 2nd degree burns when e-cig he bought off eBay exploded in a fireball as he used it <a href="http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3417305/Bartender-21-suffered-agonising-second-degree-burns-e-cigarette-bought-eBay-exploded-fireball-using-it.html">http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3417305/Bartender-21-suffered-agonising-second-degree-burns-e-cigarette-bought-eBay-exploded-fireball-using-it.html</a>

'My first reaction was to try and stamp out the vape. Part of me was scared that if I touched it I would cause a further explosion, but I couldn't let the flame rage on ...

January 26, 2016 Lawsuit from October 28, 2015 incident

Lawsuit Claims E-cigarette Exploded, Burned Naples Man's Throat, Lungs

 $\frac{\text{http://www.dailybusinessreview.com/id=1202747968606/Lawsuit-Claims-Ecigarette-Exploded-Burned-Naples-Mans-Throat-Lungs?}{\text{mcode=1202615581416\&slreturn=20160026120546}}$ 

Naples resident Evan Spahlinger was using his electronic cigarette normally when it exploded in his face last October, searing off his eyebrows and sending flames down his throat. The 21-year-old was rushed to the hospital and sedated so medical personnel could address the burns to his throat and lungs, which threatened to close his airway."

January 26, 2016 2nd and 3rd degree burns

New Hampshire man burned by exploding vaporizer battery

http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2016/01/new hampshire man burned by ex.html

TILTON, NH – A New Hampshire man who suffered second and third-degree burns after a vaporizer battery exploded in his pocket is now recovering in a Boston hospital, his family told <u>WMUR News</u>. ...

January 25, 2016 Study: Respiratory problems in e-cigarette users

# **Respiratory Problems Another Potential Hazard for E-Cigarette Users**

http://www.natlawreview.com/article/respiratory-problems-another-potential-hazard-e-cigarette-users

<u>A recent study published by JAMA Pediatrics</u> questioned the safety of e-cigarettes. The study sampled over 45,000 children from Hong Kong with an average age of 15 years old and revealed that 40% of teenagers who smoked either traditional cigarettes or e-cigarettes suffered from various respiratory symptoms when compared to those who have not smoked either traditional or electronic cigarettes. ...



## Cannabis vaping teen 'recovering well' in hospital

A teenager who was hospitalized after inhaling cannabis oil she bought online is "recovering well". The 18-year-old was taken to Gloucestershire Royal Hospital on Friday. Police said she became seriously ill after she bought a product containing oil derived from cannabis plants which can be inhaled through a vaporizer.

January 22, 2016 Split eyelid in two, children present EFEST batteries

Young mum scarred for life after a e-cig EXPLODES in her face - splitting her eyelid in two

http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/6879630/Young-mum-scarred-for-life-after-a-e-cig-EXPLODES-in-her-face-splitting-her-eyelid-in-two.html

A PRETTY young mum was left scarred for life after an e-cig exploded in her face - splitting her eyelid in two. Kirby Sheen needed plastic surgery after the device blew up while she was changing the battery. ...

January 21, 2016 High Lost teeth, wired jaw

# Man loses teeth, jaw wired together after e-cig explodes

http://www.winknews.com/2016/01/21/man-loses-teeth-jaw-wired-together-after-e-cig-explodes/

A man lost eight teeth and had to have his jaw wired after he said his e-cigarette exploded in his face. ... In October 2014, FEMA and the U.S. Fire Administration released a study on e-cigarettes. They found there were 25 different incidents of explosions or fires that ...

January 21, 2016 Lost teeth, burns to hands and face, fire in bedroom

Man has teeth knocked out after e-cigarette EXPLODES in his mouth causing bedroom fire

http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/man-teeth-knocked-out-after-7213664

The victim had been using the electronic device he bought from a friend down the pub in his bedroom when it exploded and knocked out three of his teeth. Emergency services were called to the property in Telford, Shropshire, at 12.40pm today and he was rushed to the town's Princess Royal <u>Hospital</u>.

January 18, 2016 Severe burns, 3 year-old in house at the time Eleaf Istick

Man's horrific injuries after e-cig battery exploded while he slept

http://metro.co.uk/2016/01/18/mans-horrific-injuries-after-e-cig-battery-exploded-while-he-slept-5628832/

Kevin Woodward, 30, revealed how he felt a "blow torch" was being held to his face when his **Eleaf Istick** blew up. Kevin had put the vaping device, manufactured in China, on charge overnight when it caught fire. He told how the blaze was "like a horror movie". And his three-year-old son Taylor James is also lucky to be alive after getting out of the bed just hours earlier. Despite being in agony, Kevin frantically managed to extinguish the flames with a pillow before escaping the family home...

January 14, 2016 Emergency landing, smoke in cargo area caused by overheated e-cigarette

Hawaiian Airlines flight makes emergency landing after e-cigarette scare [VIDEO]

http://www.kitv.com/story/30961500/hawaiian-airlines-flight-makes-emergency-landing-after-e-cigarette-scare

There was a scare in the air for 128 passengers aboard a Hawaiian Airlines flight when a light indicated there was smoke in the cargo area. The plane was on the way to Maui from Honolulu. It made a safe landing on Maui yesterday. A spokesperson for the airline says when firefighters checked the cargo area, two bags appeared to be damaged by an e-cigarette in a passenger's checked luggage.

January 13, 2016 ARTICLE about ecigs. Makes references to injury story.

#### E-Cig Explosion Almost Paralyzes Tennessee Man:

http://sanfrancisco.legalexaminer.com/defective-dangerous-products/e-cig-explosion-almost-paralyzes-tennessee-man/

- So why do E-cigarettes have such a passionate following, when it seems that every week we learn of more and more exploding batteries and injuries? As a dangerous and defective products attorney, it is my duty to inform the public of potential dangers in using certain products and how to avoid injury...
- Cordero Caples, a 29 year old man from Tennessee is in the hospital after an <u>electronic cigarette exploded in his face</u> this past Friday. Mr. Caples suffered a fractured vertebra, facial fractures, and at least one missing tooth in the sudden explosion. And to make matters worse? The injuries he sustained from the explosion may leave him permanently paralyzed, never to walk again.

January 12, 2016 Alcohol content high

### Alcohol in e-cigs Can Affect Motor Skills

http://www.healthnewsdigest.com/news/smoking%20issues0/Alcohol-in-e-cigs-Can-Affect-Motor-Skills.shtml

Some commercially available e-cigarettes contain enough alcohol to impact motor skills, a new Yale University School of Medicine study shows. E-cigarettes deliver nicotine by vaporizing liquids, which often contain alcohol and other chemicals in addition to nicotine. In the new study, published in the journal Drug and Alcohol Dependence, researchers tested subjects who used two commercially available e-cigarettes with liquids containing either high (23.5%) or low (0.4%) amounts of alcohol. ...

January 11, 2016 degree burns

Man Suffers Third Degree Burns When E-Cigarette Battery Bursts [VIDEO]

http://dfw.cbslocal.com/2016/01/11/man-suffers-third-degree-burns-when-e-cigarette-battery-bursts/

A Wise County father was taken to Parkland Hospital in Dallas with second and third degree burns after a battery from an ecigarette caught fire in his pocket. Jeremy Green, 34, thought e-cigarettes would be a healthier smoking alternative when he started using them a few years ago. "I've done it every day for a long ...

January 11, 2016 and upper thigh and knee

He Was Taking a Break & Went to Make a Sandwich. Then He Felt a 'Fountain of Fire' in His Pocket

 $\underline{https://www.ijreview.com/2016/01/512574-he-was-taking-a-break-went-to-make-a-sandwich-then-he-felt-a-fountain-of-fire-in-his-pocket/}$ 

In an effort to quit smoking, Garrett Preston turned to a popular trend to curb his cravings for a cigarette. But, as <u>KVAL News</u> reports, the 19-year-old's personal vaporizer, or "vape mod," turned out to be even more of a health hazard itself. Patterson recalls making a sandwich after finishing his first full shift at Dunkin Donuts, when he suddenly felt a "fountain of fire" bursting from his left pocket. ...

January 11, 2016 Munstro Mod e-cigarette was manufactured/sold by the Vapor Spot

Did e-cigarette explode in his pocket? User sues manufacturer, seller

http://mynewsla.com/uncategorized/2016/01/11/did-e-cigarette-explode-in-his-pocket-user-sues-manufacturer-seller/

A man sued the manufacturer and seller of an e- cigarette Monday, saying that he suffered serious burns after the battery in the device exploded in his pocket. Kevin Endo filed the products liability suit in Los Angeles Superior Court against the Vapor Spot. The suit seeks unspecified damages. ...

January 7, 2016 Study on exploding ecigs

Oral trauma and tooth avulsion following explosion of e-cigarette *Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery* http://www.joms.org/article/S0278-2391%2816%2900009-4/abstract

E-cigarettes, or personal vaporizers, were introduced in 2003 and have been available in the United States since 2007. In addition to the health and safety concerns of the aerosol delivery of nicotine through E-cigarettes, during the past 8 years, reports of explosions and fires caused by the E-cigarette devices have led the US Fire Administration to evaluate the safety of these devices. These explosions have been observed frequently enough that the US Department of Transportation has recently banned E-cigarette devices in checked baggage aboard airplanes. This report contributes to existing knowledge about the hazards related to E-cigarettes by describing oral hard and soft tissue injuries from an E-cigarette explosion.



#### E-Cigarette Explodes Causing Crash On I-65

http://www.wbiw.com/local/archive/2016/01/e-cigarette-explodes-causing-crash-on-i-65.php

was traveling north on I-65 in a 2010 Freightliner when his electronic cigarette he was smoking malfunctioned and exploded injuring Starainich's face. He then lost control of the semi, causing it to go off the right side of the roadway striking a guardrail

2015

December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Kidli 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns on leg, child present, coins were in pocket

'I'd rather have lung cancer': E-cigarette battery explodes in man's pocket

http://fox17online.com/2015/12/08/id-rather-have-lung-cancer-e-cigarette-explodes-in-mans-pocket/

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. – A man horribly injured after an e-cigarette battery exploded in his pocket is left with second and third degree burns on his leg, now warning others about the dangers he claims were never given to him. Daniel Gosset, 25, was changing his son's diaper when he felt a warm sensation creeping down his leg.



#### E-cigarette causes hotel fire over holiday weekend

http://www.bremertonpatriot.com/news/360459091.html

Oyster Bay Inn suffered fire damage from an overcharged e-cigarette Nov. 28. ...caused about \$3,500 of damage, according to Jeff Prichard, deputy fire marshal with the Bremerton Fire Department. Prichard said that when lithium-ion batteries, like those

November 23, 2015, 10:08 PM Broken neck, burned mouth, broken teeth

http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/e-cigarette-explosion-breaks-man-neck-paralyzes-article-1.2444620

#### E-cigarette explosion breaks Memphis native's neck, almost paralyzes him for life

E-cigarettes could be more dangerous than normal cigarettes. Especially if the smoking device can blow up in your face, like it did for 29-year-old Cordero Caples, a Memphis native living in Colorado Springs. The victim, who is a father of a 1-year-old girl, was almost paralyzed for life from the explosive-cigarette. He came out of the spinal reconstruction surgery in stable condition, Porter said. She said he was suffering immense pain prior to the surgery, and was relieved, but still aching from the incident.

November 20, 2015 Severly burnt hand

E-cigarette battery explodes inside car, burning Washington County couple [VIDEO]

http://www.wpxi.com/news/news/local/e-cig-battery-explodes-sets-washington-cou/npRTR/

A couple was burned in an explosion inside of their own car after an e-cigarette battery caught fire. Jeremy Markle, one of the victims, said the battery went up in flames and severely burned his girlfriend's hands while they were driving on Interstate 79 Tuesday night. The flames caused a hole on the floor of the car and a burn mark on the seat.

November 20, 2015 3 Victims: Part of finger amputated, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree burns, facial fractures, hole in cheek,

Manufacturer: Flawless Vapes & Supplies

Los Angeles: Exploding e-cigarettes prompt lawsuits; one user lost half a finger

http://www.mercurynews.com/crime-courts/ci 29143854/los-angeles-exploding-e-cigarettes-prompt-lawsuits-one

LOS ANGELES -- Three California men filed lawsuits against the makers, wholesalers and retailers of e-cigarette, alleging that the products' batteries exploded, causing severe injuries, including second-degree burns, shattered teeth and in one case, the loss of half a finger. The three men, one of whom is a former L.A. Galaxy player, are seeking damages as well as hoping to raise awareness about the lack of regulation in the making of e-cigarettes, battery-operated devices that deliver nicotine with flavorings, said their attorney, Gregory Bentley...

- Daniel Califf, an Orange County resident and former Major League Soccer player who played with the Galaxy from 2000 to 2005, suffered second degree burns on his neck, ear and face, as well as facial fractures after an e-cigarette he was using blew up in February.
- Gregory Phillips, Jr., a Bakersfield resident, suffered second-degree burns to his left leg after his e-cigarette exploded in his pocket in September; the burns resulted in the need for skin grafts at the Grossman Burn Center at San Joaquin Community Hospital.
- Vicente Garza, also a resident of Bakersfield, suffered injuries to his mouth and tongue, as well as shattered his teeth in October in an explosion while vaping the e-cigarette; the explosion shattered his bathroom mirror and he lost half of his left index finger.

Additional link to story of three above injuries: <a href="http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3327374/Former-LA-Galaxy-star-suffers-hole-cheek-e-cigarette-exploded-face-industry-faces-string-lawsuits-victims-say-suffered-burns-lost-FINGERS.html">http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3327374/Former-LA-Galaxy-star-suffers-hole-cheek-e-cigarette-exploded-face-industry-faces-string-lawsuits-victims-say-suffered-burns-lost-FINGERS.html</a>



#### Lawsuits Filed in California After Exploding E-Cigarettes Leave 3 injured

http://ktla.com/2015/11/19/lawsuits-filed-after-exploding-e-cigarettes-leave-3-injured/

Vicente Garza was getting ready for bed in his Bakersfield home when he decided to use an electronic cigarette. He lifted the device to his mouth, pushed the...

November 1, 2015 ard degree burns

#### Burns reported from exploding e-cigarettes [VIDEO]

http://www.kmov.com/story/30395614/burns-reported-from-exploding-e-cigarettes

Burns reported from exploding e-cigarettes ... from the Food and Drug Administration indicate e-cigarettes have exploded since they became popular in 2012.

October 29, 2015 Rare form of pneumonia & acute lung injury/hypersensitivity pneumonitis

#### Cases tie e-cigarettes to lung injuries, pneumonia

http://www.jsonline.com/watchdog/watchdogreports/cases-tie-e-cigarettes-to-lung-injuries-pneumonia-b99606028z1-338598861.html

- A 31-year-old West Virginia woman with no prior lung disease contracted what doctors say is a rare form of pneumonia after inhaling vapor from electronic cigarettes.
- In Vermont, a 60-year-old man suffered an acute lung injury and was diagnosed with hypersensitivity pneumonitis last year after vaping "red hot cinnamon" flavored e-cigarettes.

October 28, 2015 Coma, mouthpiece shot down throat, possibly exploded 2<sup>nd</sup> time in lungs

Florida man in coma after e-cigarette explodes in face: family

http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/florida-man-coma-e-cig-explodes-face-family-article-1.2413702

A south Florida's man's alternative to smoking literally blew up in his face. Evan Spahlinger, 21, of Naples is in a medically induced coma after the e-cigarette he was puffing on violently exploded, his sister said. "I was lying in bed with my 2-year-old and I heard an explosion," Ema Richardson recalled the terrifying burst to CBS Miami.

#### E-cigarette explodes into flames on passenger plane

AN ELECTRONIC cigarette sparked a major full-scale alert on a plane when it caught fire in a passenger's hand luggage. http://www.dailystar.co.uk/news/latest-news/472164/E-cigarette-erupts-flames-passenger-plane

Terrified passengers started to scream as smoke quickly filled the cabin. The drama unfolded aboard the Boeing 737 aircraft when a traveller realised his hand luggage had caught fire. Reports say the unnamed man only realised something was wrong when he felt intense heat pulsing from his bag on his lap. The panicked passenger then saw fire coming out of the bag and flung his bag off himself before leaping out of his chair.

October 22, 2015 Hole in lung KangerTech

Vaping Hospitalised Man And Left Him With Hole In His Lung After E-Cigarette Leaked Burning Nicotine

http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2015/10/22/vaping-hospitalised-man-left-him-hole-lung-e-cigarette-leaked-burning-nicotine n 8354984.html

A father-of-three was hospitalised after his <u>electronic cigarette</u> spilled hot liquid nicotine down his throat, burning a hole in his right lung. Richard Courtney, from Surrey, bought the £100 device in an attempt to give up smoking.

October 1, 2015 2nd degree burns on buttocks, thighs and hand, dress caught fire

Jury awards \$1.9M to California woman burned by e-cigarette

http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/jury-awards-1-9m-california-woman-burned-e-cigarette-article-1.2380919

A California woman badly burned by an exploding electronic cigarette was awarded nearly \$2 million Wednesday by a jury in a product liability suit, her lawyer said. Jennifer Ries of Corona was on her way to the airport in March 2013 when she plugged in her VapCigs e-cigarette charger and it spewed hot metal that ignited her dress, attorney Gregory Bentley said.

September 7, 2015 at degree burns/hole in roof of mouth

Man Severely Injured After eCigarette Blows Up In His Face [VIDEO]

http://www.fox5dc.com/news/national/17391566-story

Looking at James Lauria is an absolutely heartbreaking sight. His pictures in the hospital show him with a breathing tube, his face and his fingers burned. And he said it's because of an e-cigarette that exploded in his face. That's when the vape blew up in his face and gave him not only first-degree burns, but probably the worst injury of all: a dime-sized hole that was blown open in the roof of his mouth.

August 24, 2015 Scortched arm/abdomen

# Man Injured by Exploding E-Cigarette; Congresswoman Wants FDA Oversight

http://patch.com/michigan/dearborn/man-injured-exploding-e-cigarette-congresswoman-wants-fda-regulate-0

Jason Diekman, who survived tours of duty in Afghanistan and Iraq, was recently hospitalized after a <a href="wapor pen he was">wapor pen he was</a> <a href="smoking exploded">smoking exploded</a>, sending shrapnel into the wall and scorching his arm and part of his abdomen. "I pushed it and it just exploded a big boom louder than a shotgun going off," Diekman told WJBK-TV.

July 11, 2015 Article: Safety concerns

#### **Exploding e-cigarettes spark national safety concerns:**

 $\frac{http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/health-and-families/health-news/exploding-ecigarettes-spark-national-safety-concerns-10382229.html$ 

A series of "highly disturbing" fires caused by exploding e-cigarette chargers has prompted a nationwide safety alert. The Local Government Association, which represents the 49 fire and rescue authorities in England and Wales, are calling on e-cigarette manufacturers to display warnings on packaging after over 100 fires have been caused by the devices over the past two years.

June 19, 2015 Kid Data on poisonings

#### Nevada poison control cases double from e-cigarette exposure

http://www.nevadaappeal.com/news/local/16874022-113/nevada-poison-control-cases-double-from-e-cigarette-exposure

Nevada's Poison Control reported 44 exposures to liquid nicotine and e-cigarettes in 2014, doubling the number from the year before. The American Association of Poison Control Centers reports that number for exposure has doubled nationwide from the previous year. It report it received more than 3,700 emergency calls in 2014. This year to date, it has received nearly 1,500 emergency calls about e-cigarette or liquid nicotine exposure. Experts from the poison center recommend users protect their skin while handling the products and keep them away from children. More than half of the emergency calls in 2014 involved children under the age of six, according to the AAPCC

June 10, 2015 Kid Data on poisonings

### Child nicotine poisonings in Minnesota rise sharply

Increase is linked to wider use of e-cigarettes and "vaping" juice

http://www.startribune.com/child-nicotine-poisonings-in-minnesota-rise-sharply/306791501/

The Minnesota Poison Control System saw a 35 percent jump in e-cigarette and e-juice poisonings among children from birth to 5 years old between 2013 and 2014, according to data released by the state Health Department. This marks the second year of what the department is calling "significant increases in nicotine poisonings related to e-cigarette products," which can contain fatal doses of nicotine for children.

Jun 6, 2015: Article: Use on Nuclear Subs OKAY

Royal Navy to let sailors smoke e-cigarettes on nuclear submarines as 'they aren't a fire risk'

http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/royal-navy-sailors-smoke-e-cigarettes-5837019

Sailors are set to be allowed to puff e-cigarettes in their nuclear submarines. The move follows a fugitive whistleblower claiming unauthorised <u>vaping</u> was a safety risk.

May 18, 2015 Hand burns

Frenchman injured by exploding e-cigarette

http://www.thelocal.fr/20150518/frenchman-injured-by-exploding-e-cigarette

A young Frenchman was left with burns to his right hand and complained he could have been left disfigured after his electronic cigarette exploded in his hand. He said it was like a grenade going off.

April 23, 2015 – First Published Online Exposure to non-users studied

Electronic cigarettes: analysis of FDA adverse experience reports in non-users - Important findings re: aerosol exposure in nonsmokers

http://tobaccocontrol.bmj.com/content/25/2/242.full.pdf+html

Electronic cigarettes: analysis of FDA adverse experience reports in non-users The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Center for Tobacco Products (CTP) receives and reviews voluntary reports from consumers, healthcare professionals and members of the public on adverse experiences (AEs) associated with tobacco products. Reports from consumers and concerned citizens have described AEs not only in users, but also in non-users of e-cigarettes.1 2 AE reports received by FDA between 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2014 were reviewed to evaluate AEs associated with e-cigarettes in non-users.... Thirty-five reports were related to passive aerosol exposure (typically in indoor spaces). Respiratory symptoms ....

March 16, 2015 Article about exploding e-cigarettes

Why are some gadgets with rechargable batteries exploding? CDP investigates!

http://www.cambridgenetwork.co.uk/news/why-are-some-gadgets-with-rechargable-batteries-exploding-cd3136/

For example, in rechargeable electronic cigarettes, some manufacturers have split the charger electronics between a 'charger' and the battery unit. To charge the product, the user first plugs the battery unit into the charger provided with a special miniature plug, and then plugs the charger into any convenient USB socket.

February 18, 2015 Carpet burned Evod CE4 Starter Kit

#### Man Says E-Cigarette Exploded, Burned his Home [VIDEO]

http://fox40.com/2015/02/18/e-cigarette-almost-claims-mans-life/

Greg Towan was sitting in his Yuba City home when all of a sudden he heard an explosion. "The end blew out," Towan said, an e-cigarette smoker. Towan says he bought the e-cigarette because he wanted to kick his 50-year smoking habit. Towan's goal is to use e-cigarettes to kick the addiction altogether, but he ended up kicking into high gear to save his life.

Taken to UCSD Burn Center

## San Diego Man Burned E-Cigarette Explosion: Officials

http://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/San-Diego-Man-Burned-E-Cigarette-Explosion-Ramona-291263941.html A San Diego man was rushed to a nearby burn unit after his electronic cigarette exploded Saturday, Cal Fire officials confirmed. The man was inside Stage Stop Liquor store in Ramona when his e-cigarette exploded.

January 15, 2015 Minor house damage

#### Oak Ridge woman says her e-cigarette exploded while charging

http://www.local8now.com/home/headlines/Oak-Ridge-womans-e-cigarette-blows-up-while-charging-288744041.html

OAK RIDGE, Tenn. (WVLT) -- An East Tennessee woman says her home caught on fire after an e-cigarette exploded while it was on the charger. John VanZyll, who owns Diversified Product Investigations, says his company is investigating cases of several e-cigarettes around the country that have exploded. ...

January 16, 2015 From England:

### Man suffers burns after e-cigarette explodes

http://kccmediahub.net/man-suffers-burns-e-cigarette-explodes745

KFRS and Kent Trading Standards have developed a leaflet with safety advice and are working together with businesses selling e-cigarettes and mobile phone ...

#### 2014

December 10, 2014 Kid DEATH: 1-year old drank refill, died

#### Fort Plain child dead after ingesting liquid nicotine

http://news10.com/2014/12/10/fort-plain-child-dead-after-ingesting-liquid-nicotine/

FORT PLAIN, N.Y. – Authorities say that a one year old has died after consuming liquid nicotine. According to Fort Plain Police, EMS reported to a Garfield Street home shortly after 4 p.m. on Tuesday for an unresponsive one year old.



November 25, 2014 Article about e-cig dangers

### Think you're safe from fires by smoking an e-cigarette? Think again

http://www.propertycasualty360.com/2014/11/25/think-youre-safe-from-fires-by-smoking-an-e-cigare

Electronic cigarettes—also called personal vaporizers or electronic nicotine delivery systems—are perceived by many smokers as a safer alternative. But according to a recent report from the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), e-cigarettes come with their own unique risks: namely, fires and explosions. ...

September 8, 2014 Toddler drank from refill

# Toddler who swallowed e-cigarette refill 'could have died' according to doctors

http://www.irishmirror.ie/news/toddler-who-swallowed-e-cigarette-refill-4181442

A toddler has cheated death after swallowing nicotine contained in an e-cigarette refill. The two-year-old girl from Birmingham was treated at Good Hope Hospital when she vomited after picking up a cartridge containing the chemical and putting it in her mouth. She was given the all-clear after being monitored for several hours. Dr Sanjay Gupta, who treated the child in March, urged parents to be careful with the refills...

#### **UK Man Killed After E-Cig Explodes**

http://www.newser.com/story/192217/uk-man-killed-after-e-cig-explodes.html

The debate <u>on whether e-cigarettes</u> are a healthier alternative to regular smokes continues, but the "e" part clearly poses unique risks: A UK man was killed after his device misfired and ignited his oxygen equipment, reports the <u>BBC</u>. Fire officials say David Thomson, 62, was charging his e-cig in his bedroom when it "exploded, caught fire, and ignited the oxygen tube of an oxygen concentrator, which may have been in use by the occupier."



#### Mum's e-cigarette sparks blaze which guts Devizes home

http://www.gazetteandherald.co.uk/news/11391117.Mum s e cigarette sparks blaze which guts Devizes home/?ref=va r 0

A mum trying to give up smoking by using an e-cigarette returned home on Saturday afternoon with her two young children to find it on fire. It is believed the blaze, which started in the kitchen of her house in Awdry Road, Devizes, was caused by the e-cigarette overheating while it was charging.

June 18, 2014 Fire, jumped from window, broken back

### Gran leapt for her life when e-cigarette charger started house fire

http://www.llanellistar.co.uk/Gran-leapt-life-charger-started-house/story-21252953-detail/story.html

A BLAZE that left a Llanelli grandmother in hospital with a broken back was started by a faulty e-cigarette charger, the Star can reveal this week.

May 28, 2014 KidHome gutted E-Lites

# E-cigarette devastation pictured: Gutted home of young mum after device BLEW UP while charging

http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/e-cigarette-devastation-pictured-gutted-home-3615186

Keeley Cooper, 22, had to grab her two sons and flee in terror after the anti-smoking aid left her flat looking like a bomb site

April 9, 2014 Explosion in bar, dress caught fire

#### Watch an Unexpected Device Explode Right in Front of This Bartender

http://www.theblaze.com/stories/2014/04/09/watch-an-unexpected-device-explode-right-in-front-of-this-bartender/
A bartender working at the Buck Inn Hotel in North Yorkshire, England, was standing next to an e-cigarette plugged into an iPad to charge when it exploded right in her face.



#### Smoker has lucky escape after e-cigarette sparks fire in Cheadle home

http://www.stokesentinel.co.uk/Snoker-lucky-escape-e-cigarette-sparks-Cheadle/story-20889233-detail/story.html

SMOKER Phil Elkin had a lucky escape after his e-cigarette 'exploded' and set his house on fire – causing thousands of pounds in damage. Mr Elkin thought nothing of leaving the supposedly-safe device on charge in his study.

But just an hour later his wife, Joan, spotted glowing coming from the room. The £12 e-cigarette had overheated, causing it to shoot out of the plug and set the carpet on fire – leaving Mrs Elkin frantically dousing the floor with buckets of water.

March 18, 2014 Article about poison danger

### E-Cigarettes, Refills Pose A Danger To Children, Local Doctors Say

http://www.kwtx.com/news/health/headlines/E-Cigarette-Refills-Pose-A-Danger-To-Children-Local-Doctors-Say-250696731.html

The Texas Poison Control Network is reporting an increase in cases involving young children who have gotten hold of the liquid refills for increasingly popular electronic cigarettes, and doctors shared the concern Monday at a forum at Scott & White Hospital in Temple. 'More than half of the exposure is kids under 6 years old," said Dr. Ryan Morrissey, the Central Texas Poison Center's medical director.

March 18, 2014 Kid Data about poisonings

#### Report: E-cigarette poisonings 10 times more common among kids and teens in 2013

More Minnesota children and teenagers were poisoned by e-cigarette liquid last year than in 2012. The Department of Health reports there were five reports of e-cigarette related poisoning in 2012. Last year, that number jumped to 50. E-cigarette poisonings accounted for 23 percent of the state's 218 teen and child tobacco-related poisonings in 2013. Poisonings include calls where e-cigarette liquids, also known as e-juice, have been swallowed, inhaled, come in contact with the eyes or absorbed through the skin.

March 11, 2014 Warning about explosions

#### E-cigarette explosion in Ammanford prompts more warnings from fire service chiefs

http://www.southwales-eveningpost.co.uk/E-cigarette-explosion-Ammanford-prompts-warnings/story-20794125-detail/story.html

FIRE chiefs have again warned of the dangers of electronic cigarettes after one exploded, causing significant damage. Mid and West Wales Fire Service said the incident took place in Ammanford after an e-cigarette had been left to charge. They said the explosion caused significant damage to the surrounding area. The occupier of the property affected said: "It went off like a firework and we were lucky that nobody was injured." ...

March 2, 2014 Warning about fire danger

Fire officials issue warning about e-cigarette dangers

http://www.mailtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20140301/NEWS/403010309/-1/NEWS

Electronic cigarettes may be safer for the lungs of smokers than the standard leaf-burning variety, some people believe, but Medford fire officials want people to know they can still cause fires. E-cigs have caused minor fires at two Medford homes recently, Medford Fire-Rescue officials said. ...

February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Warningabout explosions

### Warning given after e-cigarettes explode

http://www.freepressseries.co.uk/news/monmouthshire news/monmouthshire news/11016202.Warning given after e ci garettes explode/

SOUTH Wales Fire and Rescue has issued a warning after responding to cases of exploding e-cigarettes. Fire crews recently attended two separate fires where the batteries from an e-cigarette had exploded and travelled up to two metres across the room before igniting the carpet. The occupiers were close at hand and the small fires were quickly extinguished by on-site staff.

2013

November 11, 2013 Carpet caught fire Crown Seven Gladiator electronic cigarette Exploding electronic cigarette blamed for fire

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http://www.azfamily.com/story/28374147/exploding-electronic-cigarette-blamed-for-fire

However after buying his <u>Crown Seven</u> Gladiator electronic cigarette, Lawson said the unexpected happened.

"I had it for four days and when I was charging it, it exploded." Kyler went on to say, "It shot out like a bullet, hit the window, dropped from the window to the carpet. Caught the carpet on fire."

November 5, 2013 Fire while family slept, damage minimal

E-cigarette blamed for house fire in Idaho, electronic cigarette battery overcharged and exploded

http://www.wptv.com/dpp/news/local\_news/water\_cooler/e-cigarette-blamed-for-house-fire-in-idaho-electronic-cigarette-battery-overcharged-and-exploded

Idaho fire officials said an electronic cigarette exploded and started a fire while a family of four slept in their house. Thanks to the smoke alarm, Jason Burns and his parents were able to quickly put out a blaze in the living room with a fire extinguisher. The damage to the house was limited. Fire investigators said an e-cigarette plugged into a laptop to be charged was to blame. It overcharged, overheated and exploded, sending parts flying on to the furniture.

# **Small Number of E-Cigarette Batteries Explode**

http://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/Exploding-E-Cigarettes-229183561.html

The popularity of E-cigarettes, those battery operated inhalers that deliver nicotine without the smoke, is on the rise. But the \$1.5 billion dollar business continues to battle a slew of health, safety and regulatory questions, including a new one related to battery safety. A small number of consumer reports from across the country detail exploding e-cigs that launch out of their chargers, leading to fires and injury.

October 24, 2013 Treated for smoke inhalation from house fire "Smokin T" e-cigarettes.

# Phoenix FD: faulty e-cigarette likely to blame for fire that injured Vietnam vet

http://www.cbs3springfield.com/story/23785774/phoenix-fd

But, now we're learning of a house fire in Phoenix last week that injured a Vietnam veteran. Dale Orman said his wife quit smoking just a few months ago with the help of "Smokin T" e-cigarettes. He said that same device ended up nearly taking his life and heavily damaged much of their home.

October 4, 2013 Fire started

No smoke, but lots of fire! Another e-cigarette explosion smolders home as officials warn you don't need to 'light up' to be in danger

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2442715/E-cigarette-explosion-causes-Wisconsin-home.html?ito=feeds-newsxml Firefighters in the town of La Crosse, Wisconsin, responded to an incident this week where an e-cigarette erupted from its charger, launching about 25 feet from the power socket to start a fire across the room, according to...

October 3, 2013 Article about exploding e-cigarettes

Is Anything Being Done To Prevent Exploding E-Cigarettes?

http://consumerist.com/2013/10/03/is-anything-being-done-about-exploding-e-cigarettes/

While concerns about health effects and youth-targeted marketing <u>have the attorneys general of 37 states asking the FDA to regulate e-cigarettes much like the agency regulates the sale of tobacco</u>, there are numerous reports of the devices "exploding" or catching fire, which can be significantly more dangerous than simply inhaling nicotine.

October 2, 2013 "A fountain firework" then it "shot out like a missile" from computer

Minnesota man's e-cig explodes while charging

http://kmsp.dsys1.worldnow.com/story/23584719/minnesota-e-cig-explosion-charging

Mike Swafford bought E-Cig Clubhouse in Ham Lake, Minn. six months ago. "I hear about it two or three times a week," Swafford said. "There's a lot of inferior products out there."

Sept 24. 2013 Kid2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns on 3 year old White Rhino e-cigarette

Electronic cigarette explodes, injures child

https://www.ksl.com/?sid=26986036

SALT LAKE CITY — There is a new warning about e-cigarettes — a few have overheated and burned people. A little boy is recovering after his mom's e-cigarette exploded in the car.

Sept 24, 2013 Charging in car, burned back seat and child seat.

E-cigarette wrecked car when it EXPLODED 'like a firework' while being charged overnight leaving seats destroyed and windows blackened

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2430393/E-cigarette-wrecked-car-EXPLODED-like-firework-charged-overnight-leaving-seats-destroyed-windows-blackened.html

A motorist said today that his car was wrecked when his electronic cigarette exploded while charging. Chris Thomas, 37, said the e-cigarette shot out of the 12V power socket 'like a firework' and landed on the back seat of his Skoda company car, setting fire to the upholstery.

September 4, 2013 Burned hole in rug

Exploding e-cigarette could have killed my dogs and cats, terrified Atlanta woman says

http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/sideshow/e-cigarette-explosion-161908742.html

An Atlanta woman says she is lucky to be alive after an electronic cigarette she was charging in her computer's USB port exploded — and burned a hole in her rug.



# Sherman man's e-cigarette explodes while charging

http://www.kxii.com/news/headlines/E-cigarette-explodes-in-Texoma-mans-home-215771641.html

SHERMAN, TX -- They've been touted as the 21st-century cigarette. But, one Texoma man has a warning for e-cigarette users after he says simply charging his caused it to blow up. Sherman resident, Wes Sloan, says when he decided to kick the habit he made the switch to an electronic cigarette thinking it would be safer. But, he says the device literally blew up in his hand, and he wants you to know just how dangerous they may actually be.

July 11, 2013 2nd degree burns, explodes in car

Corona Couple Sues after E-cigarette Battery Explodes in Car

http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2013/07/11/corona-couple-sues-after-e-cigarette-battery-explodes-in-car/

**CLAREMONT (CBSLA.com)** — A Corona husband and wife have sued an e-cigarette manufacturer alleging its rechargeable battery exploded in their vehicle, leaving the woman with second-degree burns.

2012

Feb 16, 2012 Knocked out all teeth and part of tongue. Set fire to room.

Electronic cigarette explodes in man's mouth, causes serious injuries

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