E-cigarette battery sparks Tipp City house fire

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By: Breaking News Staff



Electronic cigarette the cause of fire in Miami County

UPDATE @ 12:40 a.m.: Firefighters said a faulty battery in an e-cigarette started a fire that damaged a Tipp City home Friday night.

Crews from Tipp City along with West Milton and Ludlow Falls were dispatched to the 3400 block of Peters Road round 7:45 p.m. Friday on a reported house fire.

Tipp City Fire Chief Steve Kessler said the fire was caused by a battery in an e-cigarette that 'blew up' when a man was attempting to change it. Kessler said that sparked a fire in the second floor of the home.

All occupants of the home, including four cats escaped the blaze without any serious injuries. Kessler said the man changing the battery sustained minor burns but was not transported to a hospital.

All fire damage was contained in the second floor of the home, but the first floor sustained some water damage. The occupants will be displaced and are receiving housing assistance from relatives.

Damage to the house is estimated around \$75,000.

No injuries were reported.

UPDATE @ 8:20 p.m.: The fire has been knocked down and crews are ventilating smoke from the house in the 3400 block of Peters Road.

We are working to learn the potential cause of the fire.

FIRST REPORT

Crews are battling a house fire tonight on Peters Road.

Smoke was coming from the second floor of the house shortly before 8 p.m. when firefighters responded to the fire in the 3400 block of Peters Road.

Residents were able to escape and there are no reports of injuries. Additional engines were requested through mutual aid from nearby departments, including West Milton and Ludlow Falls, according to the Miami County Sheriff's Office.

The Salt Lake Tribune (http://www.sltrib.com)

Officials say e-cigarette caused Utah house fire

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Ogden • Officials say a house fire that displaced an Ogden family of five on Christmas was caused by an exploding e-cigarette.

The Standard-Examiner reports that a man, woman and three children had made it outside the home when fire crews arrived Friday morning. No injuries were reported.

Ogden fire Deputy Chief Eric Bauman says officials determined that a man had been smoking an e-cigarette inside when the device exploded and ignited other materials in the home.

Another Ogden house fire that occurred that night and resulted in more than \$100,000 in damage remains under investigation.

Firefighters arrived to the vacant home to find the basement and the first floor engulfed in flames. No one was injured.

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Atlanta Woman Escapes Tragic House Fire After E-Cig Explosion, As Others Consider E-Cigarette Explosion Lawsuit Cases

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July 07, 2016 – /PressAdvantage/ — LipsigLawyers.com reports on a very disturbing incident related to the explosion of an e-cigarette that caused fire damage to an Atlanta woman's home. According to a report by WSBTV.com, the woman was charging her e-cigarette in her computer. She stated that the e-cig unit blew up and sent flames across her living room to a distance of about 4 feet. As a result of the explosion of the e-cig and the subsequent flames, her home sustained fire damage.

She stated she had heard a very loud noise and then saw the flames shooting across the room. She is very thankful she was home at the time, as the fire could have been much worse. She stated that she may have lost her dogs and cats in a fire that could have gotten out of control.

Unfortunately, given the rising popularity of e-cigarettes and more widespread use of the devices, instances such as what happened to the Atlanta woman are growing in number. A similar instance happened in Brooklyn, New York when a teenager suffered physical damage from an exploding e-cig. The boy had the device in his hand as he was looking it over. Due to the explosion, he has lost vision in one eye and suffered burns on his hands. After the incident, the teen, along with his father, sought legal representation and hired Attorney Marc Freund to represent him.

As per an e-cigarette trade association organization, there are an estimated 3.5 million e-cigarette units being used that could signal the advent of many more explosions such as those experienced by the Atlanta woman and Brooklyn teen.

Lipsig, Shapey, Manus & Moverman are currently looking to assist those who have been affected by explosive e-cigarettes. Attorneys such as Marc Freund are working to ensure that those individuals who have been injured by the devices are able to explore their legal rights fully. Certain individuals may be entitled to financial compensation. Attorney Freund is currently offering free consultations to anyone who has been injured by the devices.

To ask questions or request additional information on e-cigarette explosions, please contact Attorney Marc Freund of Lipsig, Shapey, Manus & Moverman by calling 877-711-9545.

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E-cigarette starts fire in Idaho house

BY JOEL LANDAU

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Cliff Phillips, a 61-year-old retiree and former smoker, enjoys his electronic cigarette at home in Cuba, Ill., on May 31, 2011. An electronic cigarette caused a fire in Idaho Monday night after the battery exploded due to overcharging. (SETH PERLMAN/ASSOCIATED PRESS)

Even without lighter e-cigarettes can still post a fire hazard.

Officials in Idaho said an electronic cigarette exploded due to overcharging and caused a small fire overnight Monday.

Officials with the Kootenai County Fire and Rescue squad could not be reached for comment Tuesday night, but News Channel 5 WPTV reports the e-cigarette exploded and started a fire.
"The battery overcharged and exploded. It blew the end cap off and blew fragments off and on to the couch and ignited the couch in the house," Kootenai County Fire Marshal Jeryl Archer told the TV station.

http://www.wptv.com/dpp/news/local_news/water_cooler/e-cigarette-blamed-for-house-fire-in-idaho-electronic-cigarette-battery-overcharged-and-exploded#ixzz2jp8kYxzd
The fire set off the smoke detector and the family of four - who was sleeping at the time - woke up and extinguished the blaze, the station reported. The house sustained only minor damage, the station reported.

"If that smoke alarm didn't go off, none of us would have woken up, you know, none of us would have been able to get to the door 'cuz it would have been blocked by the flames and we would have all died," said Jason Burns - a resident of the house - to the station.

Electronic cigarettes are battery-powered devices that provide people with aerosol puffs that typically contain nicotine, and sometimes flavorings like fruit, mint or chocolate. They've often been described as a less dangerous alternative to regular cigarettes, because they do not contain tobacco.

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Exploding e-cigarette: Man burned; bed set on fire



A man was injured when the e-cigarette he was smoking exploded, injuring him and sparking a fire.

By Veronica Rocha · Contact Reporter

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Santa Ana man suffered burns to his face Monday after an electronic cigarette he was smoking exploded, sending shrapnel flying throughout his room and lighting his bed on fire, authorities said.

The man, described as being in his 20s, was treated for flash burns to his face and hand, which was cut during the blast, said Capt. Steve Concialdi of the Orange County Fire Authority.

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"It was like a bomb that exploded in his face," Concialdi said.

The man was smoking a modified e-cigarette about 1:45 a.m. inside his bedroom in the 100 block of MacArthur Boulevard, when it started humming, Concialdi said.

As he quickly pulled the cigarette from his face, it exploded, authorities said.

Concialdi said the powerful explosion sent pieces of the battery-operated device flying with one bit lodged in his bedroom ceiling. The bed, which was covered in clothing, burst in flames.

Last month, authorities said an Anaheim Hills teen was burned when an e-cigarette he was using exploded. In San Diego, a man was hospitalized Feb. 8 after an e-cigarette exploded inside his smoke shop.

Concialdi said e-cigarette users should avoid overcharging their devices, which could cause them to overheat.

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E-cigarette explosion caused Tacoma house fire

by: Natasha Chen Updated: Nov 12, 2014 - 2:09 PM

TACOMA, Wash. - A Tacoma Fire Department spokesperson confirmed Wednesday that a fire Tuesday night was caused by an electronic cigarette.

One person was taken to the hospital for smoke inhalation and burns. He was transported first to St. Joseph's hospital in critical condition, then moved to Harborview Medical Center late Tuesday night.

The fire happened in the 1300 block of East 61st Street at about 4 p.m.

When crews arrived, flames were seen through the upper floor.

Fire officials told KIRO 7 that five people were evacuated from structure. The cause of fire is under investigation.

A woman living on the bottom floor of the building told her neighbors an e-cigarette exploded and caught her couch on fire. Fire investigators told KIRO 7 she had burns on her hand.

Eli Rivera, a passer-by, saw the woman laying by the front door.

"I said we got to get her away from there, because something might blow," Rivera said.

The woman told Rivera she could not walk and needed a walker.

Rivera said he and another man picked her up and moved her to safety.

Meanwhile, other residents in the six-unit house escaped.

Wendi Price said she had to throw her small dog out the window for someone to catch before climbing onto the roof. Price said three people ended up grabbing her feet and pulling her down to the ground.

Price said, "Everything I own is in that house. I've been there almost four years. It's been a long time. I was not planning on having to move for the holidays. That's for sure."

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