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### **Reduce the Risks of E-Cigarette Battery Fires**

**Olympia** – The State Fire Marshal's Office would like to advise residents of the fire risks when using electronic cigarettes. The main cause of e-cigarette fires and explosions is the failure of lithium-ion batteries when charging or during transportation.

To reduce the risk of fires caused by failed lithium-ion batteries in e-cigarettes, please take the following precautions:

- Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for charging batteries. Use the charger that came with the device. Don't substitute with a phone or tablet charger.
- Remove charger when battery has been fully charged and avoid charging batteries overnight. They can overheat if overcharged.
- Keep batteries at room temperature and avoid exposing them to extreme temperatures.
- Store loose batteries in a protective case to prevent contact with metal objects.

For more information, contact the State Fire Marshal's Office at 360-596-3929.

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