



CIGARETTE IGNITION PROPENSITY FIRE SAFE CIGARETTES PROGRAM

Violations and Civil Penalties

In accordance with the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) **19.305**, the State Fire Marshal may impose a civil penalty for a violation of the Fire Safe Cigarette rules.

Manufacturers, wholesale dealers, agents, or any other person or entity who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes are in violation of RCW 19.305 and are subjected to civil penalties that may not exceed the following:

- \$10,000.00 for first offense.
- For subsequent offense, \$25,000.00 per each sale of cigarette.
- Not to exceed \$100,000.00 during any thirty-day period.

Retail dealers who knowingly sell cigarettes are in violation of RCW 19.305 and are subjected to civil penalties that may not exceed the following:

- \$500.00 for first offense and \$2,000.00 for subsequent offense per each sale of cigarette as long as the amount offered for sale does not exceed one thousand cigarettes.
- If amount offered for sale exceeds one thousand cigarettes, penalty may not exceed \$25,000.00 during any thirty-day period.

Any corporation, partnership, sole proprietor, limited partnership, or association engaged in the manufacture of cigarettes that knowingly makes a false certification, the State Fire Marshal may impose a civil penalty for a violation of section 19.305.050. The civil penalty following:

- For a first offense, liable to a civil penalty of at least \$75,000.00.
- For subsequent offense, a civil penalty not to exceed \$250,000.00 for each false certification.