



Safety Alert

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EXPLODING E-CIGARETTES

During November IDT a HIARNG Soldier was seriously burned from an e-cigarette that exploded in his cargo pocket. These types of injuries are becoming more frequent in the US and around the world. Please use caution.

ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES

Potential Incidents:

- Explosions
- Sparks and flames
- Fires

Potential Injuries:

- Burns
- Shrapnel
- Cuts / lacerations
- Loss of teeth / tongue

Potential Causes:

- Over heated batteries
- Over heating while charging battery
- Other malfunctions possible with the heating element and lithium batteries



U.S. Fire Administration – Warnings on E-Cigarettes

www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/electronic_cigarettes.pdf

~Please read use the link above to read more information about e-cigarettes, how they work, what the dangers are and a list of significant injuries.~

HIARNG SAFETY OFFICE

Please contact us if you have any questions or suggestions for additional safety alerts.

“Don’t be afraid to speak out”

STOP THE LOSS

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