



CIGARETTE IGNITION PROPENSITY FIRE SAFE CIGARETTES PROGRAM



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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 offence.
- For subsequent offence \$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 offence and \$2,000.00 for subsequent offence 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 [RCW 19.305.050](#). The civil penalty following:

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