

NOVELTY/TOYLIKE LIGHTER DEFINITIONS

Novelty/Toylike Lighters look like toys and have audio or visual effects or a misleading design that makes them appealing to a child under age 10.

- Audio effects include music, animal sounds, whistles, buzzers, beepers or other noises not related to the flame-producing function of the lighter.
- Visual effects include flashing lights, color-changing lights and changing images.

Exceptions:

- Lighters manufactured before January 1, 1980.
- A lighter made permanently incapable of producing a flame or otherwise causing combustion.
- Standard lighters with logos, decals, decorative artwork or heat-shrinkable sleeves.

OREGON LAW PROHIBITS THE SALE, MANUFACTURING, IMPORTING OR DISTRIBUTION OF NOVELTY/TOYLIKE LIGHTERS WITHIN THE STATE OF OREGON



EXAMPLES OF PROHIBITED LIGHTERS*



*Not all prohibited lighters are displayed here.

OVERVIEW OF OREGON LAWS PROHIBITING NOVELTY/TOYLIKE LIGHTERS

The Novelty/Toylike Lighter Program provides citizen safety and industry regulation of novelty/toylike lighters.

Many of these novelty lighters look like animals, miniature cars, musical instruments and game pieces. Other novelty lighters are look-alike miniatures of adult tools or instruments. For example: cell phones, hammers, paintbrushes, and felt-tip markers.

These novelty lighters are dangerous in the hands of children unable to tell the difference between a toy and a novelty lighter.

These novelty lighters could place children and their families at risk for burn injury, death and property loss.

Prohibiting their sale will protect children from a dangerous instrument that encourages curiosity and invites unintentional misuse.

CIVIL PENALTIES

Manufacturers & Importers:
\$10,000*

Wholesale Dealers:
\$1,000*

Retailers:
\$500*

*Violators may be fined separately for each day they sell novelty/toylike lighters.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Visit our website at
http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/LP/NTLL_Program.shtml
for more specific information on the laws & rules, and to view our photo gallery and list of prohibited novelty lighters. You may also contact us by phone at 503 934-8264 or 503 934-8285.

For more information about novelty/toylike lighters or to request additional copies of this brochure, contact the Office of State Fire Marshal at 503 934-8285 or 503 934-8274.

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