

E-Cigarettes Battery Safety Campaign

OPSS has partnered with the Chartered Trading Standards Institute (CTSI) to produce campaign materials and raise awareness of e-cigarettes or vape battery safety. We are also working with the following organisations Electrical Safety First, Independent British Vape Trade Association (IBVTA), Public Health England and the fire service to raise awareness.

We have produced 5 safety tips to help you avoid a vape battery explosion or fire.

- Only use the charger that came with your vape. Never charge your vape with a phone, tablet or other device charger.
- Regularly inspect the batteries in your vape and replace them if they get damaged or wet.
- Don't charge your vape overnight or leave it charging unattended. Unplug your vape once its fully charged.
- Protect your vape from extreme temperatures.
- Store spare vape batteries in a plastic case. Keep them away from other metal objects.
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The image displays five safety tip cards arranged in a grid. Each card features the logo of the Office for Product Safety & Standards (OPSS) in the top left corner. The cards are as follows:

- Card 1 (Top Left):** Title: "Only use the charger that came with your vape". Image: Hands holding a vape and a charger. Text: "Take charge of battery safety".
 - ✓ Never charge your vape with a phone, tablet or other device charger
 - ✓ If buying a replacement charger, check it is suitable for your vape, look for the CE mark and manufacturer details
- Card 2 (Top Right):** Title: "Regularly inspect the batteries in your vape". Image: A collection of vape batteries. Text: "Take charge of battery safety".
 - ✓ Stop using and replace your batteries if they get damaged, wet or leak
 - ✓ Many lithium-ion 18650 batteries are not designed for use in vapes. Check what type of battery you have and if manufacturers say it is safe for vape use
- Card 3 (Middle Left):** Title: "Unplug your vape once it's fully charged". Image: A vape plugged into a wall charger. Text: "Take charge of battery safety".
 - ✓ Regularly check on your vape whilst it's charging
 - ✓ Don't leave it charging for longer than recommended
- Card 4 (Middle Right):** Title: "Protect your vape from extreme temperatures". Image: A vape next to a fire. Text: "Take charge of battery safety".
 - ✓ Do not leave your vape or spare batteries in direct sunlight or in your car on a freezing cold night
- Card 5 (Bottom Center):** Title: "Store spare vape batteries in a plastic case". Image: An open plastic case containing batteries. Text: "Take charge of battery safety".
 - ✓ Keep batteries away from other metal objects like coins or keys in a pocket or bag to avoid accidental contact as this can cause a short circuit
 - ✓ Store them out of the reach of children