



Novelty Lighters: Important Retailer Information

A message from the Department of Fire Services
and State Fire Marshal, Stephen D. Coan



On August 9, 2010, Governor Patrick signed into law "An Act Prohibiting the Use of Novelty Lighters." This law becomes effective November 7, 2010. On or after that date, this new law prohibits the manufacture, sale, exchange, storage or transportation of any novelty lighter throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. **Violations of the statute are punishable by fines not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.** See copy of law attached.

Whether being confused for toys or played with for their likeness to toys, lighters such as those below, have been the cause of many tragic fires. Below are examples of various types of available novelty lighters. This is NOT all-inclusive:

Beware! Lighters of this nature are not yet illegal nationwide. Even though your supplier may still offer these items for sale, **you MUST not offer for sale, sell, exchange, give away, or stock them in your establishment.** Questions? Contact the State Fire Marshal's Office at (978) 567-3712.