

# Safety Alert

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**Subject: Disposable Vape Self-Ignition**

## What Happened / Narrative

Fire pre-alarm was raised on the Bridge fire detection panel and accepted by the Duty Officer. Phone call immediately received from crew member to the Bridge informing there is an incident with a disposable vape in his cabin, however no immediate danger. Master arrived in bridge and was informed there is an unknown ongoing issue in crew members cabin with a disposable vape. On arrival to place of incident a slight smoke and smell of burning was noticed. Crew member explained that the disposable vape self-ignited on the table at which he was sitting in the chair with laptop on his lap. He immediately jumped and tried to extinguish burning vape with hands, but realising it was hot, instinctively threw it onto his bed where vape continued to burn on mattress. He used two T shirts to choke the fire.

## Why Did it Happen / Cause

- Company Smoking Policy not followed “the use of e-cigarettes is prohibited” and these devices should not be taken onboard.
- The bedding used by the crew member in the cabin were not standard company issued, ensuring compliance with SOLAS IMO regulations.

## Corrective Actions Taken / Recommendations

- Safety flash issued to further fleet describing the incident and to ensure compliance with Smoking Policy and to ensure crew members are fully aware that e-cigarette / vape devices are prohibited.
- Closer attention to e-cigarette devices when carrying out ISPS checks on board.
- Bedding onboard must comply with SOLAS IMO regulations.

## Photographs / Supporting Information



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