

Toy Like and Novelty Lighters

Novelty Lighters: Playing with Fire

- Each year toylike or novelty lighters are responsible for numerous injuries and deaths across our nation. Children are attracted to these lighters because they look like toys.
- Many are made to look like animals, miniature cars, mobile phones, cameras, fishing lures, stacks of coins, markers and doll accessories.

What is a Novelty or Toy Like Lighter?

- Novelty lighters are defined as lighters that have features attractive to children under five. Including lighters with features such as visual effects like flashing lights, or sound effects.
- The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) adopted safety standards in 1994 requiring disposable lighters to be manufactured to child restraint standards. The safety standard has been highly effective in reducing child fatalities nationwide.

Examples of Toy Like and Novelty Lighters



If you have a novelty lighter:

- Store matches and lighters out of children's reach and sight, preferably in a locked cabinet.
- When a child is curious about fire or has been playing with fire, calmly and firmly explain that matches and lighters are tools for only adults.
- Instruct children to tell you when they have found a match or lighter.
- Never use matches or lighters as amusement for children, they may imitate your actions.

For more information on safety, visit the IDHS website at: www.in.gov/dhs.

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