



PIONEER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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RE: California State Penalties & Liabilities Relating to Causing a Fire!

- **Health & Safety (H&SC) Code-13001, Causing a Fire**, Every person is guilty of a misdemeanor who, through careless or negligent action throws or places any **lighted cigarette**, cigar, **ashes**, or other flaming or glowing substance, or any substance or thing which may cause a fire, in any place here it may directly or indirectly start a fire, or who uses or operates a welding torch, tar pot or any other device which may cause a fire, who does not clear the inflammable material surrounding the operation or take such other reasonable precautions necessary to ensure against the starting and spreading of fire.
- **California Vehicle (CVC) Code-23111, Throwing Substance**, No person in any vehicle and no pedestrian **shall throw** or discharge from or upon any road or highway or adjoining area, public or private, **any lighted or non-lighted cigarette**, cigar, match, or any flaming or glowing substance. This section shall be known as the Paul Buzzo Act.
- **Health & Safety (H&SC) Code-13007, Causing Fire Liability**, Any person who personally or through another willfully, negligently, or in violation of law, sets fire to, the property of another, whether privately or publicly owned, is liable to the owner of such property for any damages to the property caused by the fire.
- **Health & Safety (H&SC) Code-13008, Liability for Escaping Fire**, Any person who allows any fire burning upon his property to escape to the property of another, whether privately or publicly owned, without exercising due diligence to control such fire, is liable to the owner of such property for the damages to the property caused by the fire.
- **Health & Safety (H&SC) Code-13009, Collection of Suppression Costs**, Any person who negligently, or in violation of the law, sets a fire, allows a fire to be set, or allows a fire to kindled or attended by him or her to escape onto any public or private property is liable for the fire suppression costs incurred in fighting the fire and for the cost of providing rescue or emergency medical services, and those costs shall be charged against that person. The charge shall constitute a debt of that person, and is collectible by the person, or by the federal, state, county, public, or private agency, incurring those cost in the same manner as in the case of an obligation under a contract, expressed or implied.

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