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**SAFETY ALERT BULLETIN**

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**Kentucky DMS Safety Alert No. 4 – SMOKING ARTICLES**

Two underground coal mines in Kentucky have been involved with the finding of smoking articles, such as vaping devices, within the past thirty days. Both miners and their foreman will have to appear before the Mine Safety Review Commission (MSRC) and potentially face sanctions against their certifications.

**VAPE DEVICE**



**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**KRS 352.170 (3)** No person shall at any time carry into any mine any intoxicants. No person shall at any time enter any underground mine with matches, lighters, pipes, cigars, cigarettes, or any device for making lights or fire not authorized or approved, including but not limited to electronic cigarettes, cigars, or any component that heats liquids or other material to produce vapor. The licensee shall at frequent intervals search, or cause to be searched, any person entering or about to enter the mine or inside the mine to prevent the person from taking, carrying, or using the articles therein.