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## **PENALTIES**

*A violation of the Federal Hazardous Materials Regulations can result in 5 YEARS IMPRISONMENT and PENALTIES of up to \$500,000.*

**Refer to CFR 49 parts 100-185 for requirements.**

***For further information, please contact:***

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**Don't Pack  
Light for your  
Next Flight**

*Torch Flames on  
Airplanes Don't Fly*



# Torches come in many shapes and sizes ***BUT ALL MAY BE DANGEROUS***

Micro torches, soldering tools and utility lighters are powered by flammable gas in a lighter, other gas receptacle or built-in fuel tank. Many of these torches have electronic starters. Some do not have safety devices to prevent accidental ignition. **The FAA has investigated several incidents recently where these micro torches either caught fire or exploded during loading aboard passenger aircraft.**

Larger torches consist of a torch head (often with a self-igniting switch) that is designed to be attached to a 14-16 ounce container of flammable gas. **In two recent incidents involving a fire, these cylinders were packed or shipped with the torch head attached, and the electronic igniter switch was found to be in the "on" position.**

Even if you think your torch is empty, it may still contain flammable gas vapors that could ignite! **One passenger checked a toolbox containing a micro torch. The toolbox exploded during loading and injured two airline employees. The passenger claimed he had emptied the torch by running it on high for four hours.**



## ***What's in your toolbox?***

Department of Transportation Hazardous Materials Regulations forbids the carriage of butane or other flammable gas products on passenger aircraft. Do not pack any flammable gas torches in any checked or carry-on baggage.

**THINK BEFORE YOU PACK!**

