

Lawsuit filed against company that allegedly sold exploding e-cigarette



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A Brookline woman is suing the store that sold her an e-cigarette that exploded in her face in 2015.

McGrath Law Firm claims that Dana Albee, 19, purchased a Modus Klone E-cig and an IMO Mod battery from GPVapor in Merrimack in October 2015.

The battery was manufactured by a Chinese company but was installed by a GPVapor employee, the lawsuit said.

According to the lawsuit, Albee installed all components of the e-cigarette as she was instructed by the salesman, but the battery exploded when she turned the device on, causing severe burns to her face, mouth, thigh and hands.

Peter McGrath, of McGrath Lawfirm, said Albee was in a great deal of pain and was taken to Shriners' Hospital.

The lawsuit requests payment for medical bills, treatment and pain and suffering.

The suit alleges that neither GPVapor nor the battery manufacturer warned Albee of any danger that might result from installing and using the device.

"The public needs to be aware about the possible dangers involved with e-cigarettes and vaporizers. This victim would hate to see this happen to someone else," McGrath said. "More and more people are vaping, thinking it's a safe alternative to smoking, but there are serious risks involved."

Other people have been calling the law firm with similar claims, McGrath said.

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