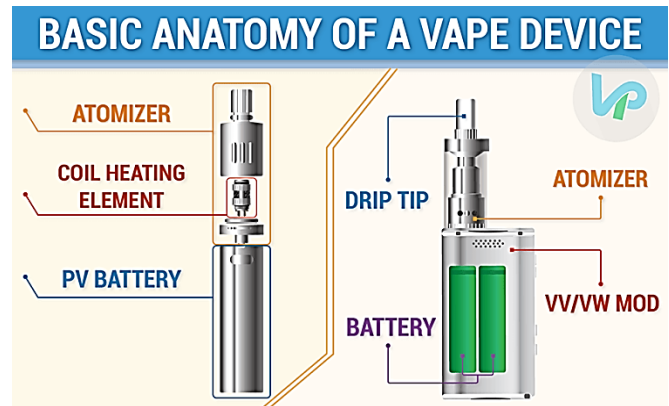
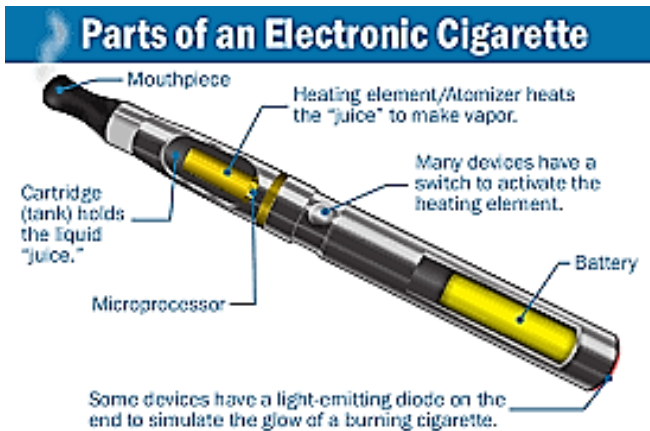




# Guidelines for the Safe Submission of Vaping Devices

The BCI Laboratory Drug Chemistry Submission policy (effective 04/15/2019) requires the removal of batteries and power sources associated with electronic devices prior to submission. Vaping devices, particularly the batteries, have the potential to catch fire or explode. While there are published guides for the safe handling of these devices, their previous storage and handling environments are unknown making them a greater risk for defects. This policy has been put in place to prevent a fire or explosion that could result in injury and loss of property/evidence. Additional guidance on safe handling of vaping devices can be found on the FDA's website: [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov).



The vape cartridge or liquid from the device should be submitted, as the device itself is not required for testing. Open/used cartridges will leak, thus they must be placed in a vial designed to contain liquids.



**Product shown\*:**

Screw-cap Vials: Fisher Scientific (03-338A)

\*Other similar products may be used, such as:  
9mm Clear Vials: Fisher Scientific (03-377B)

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