

Beware of Risks of Patio Fire – NapaFire; Real Flame Gel Fuel, and SureFire Starter Gel

DOMINALAW Group pc llo’s clients planned a pleasant evening on the patio in early June. For ambiance and to discourage insects, they tried NapaFire, a product which declares, on its container, that it is “certified safe for you and the planet.”

Nothing on the container suggests product is anything but safe. Indeed, the product declares itself as a bioethanol gel made from recycled waste material, with a bittering agent to prevent accidental swallowing, and no other use risks. It suggests using a long match or lighter to ignite the fuel and then encourages one to “sit back, relax, and enjoy the beauty and warmth your fire light and fire the pots create.”¹

The distributor, Napa Home & Garden, Inc., changed its warnings about the product on its website after a series of recent tragic fire events dramatically hurt people in New York, Nebraska, and perhaps elsewhere.² But, it continues to tout the NapaFire product as “planet and people safe.”

The problem is that when the gel is poured into a container that has run out of material, and the pot is hot (necessary temperature not known), it ignites. Upon ignition, the highly-flammable substance creates an explosion, melts the plastic container, and causes the contents to splatter, hit the skin, burn, and resist extinguishment.

While the product container suggests it is certified as safe, no known certifications do, in fact, exist.

“We will help our recently-injured clients with the sad aftermath of their personal injuries. They will live, but be changed forever by this dramatic experience,” **David Domina** said.

DOMINALAW Group pc llo alerts others to be aware of the product, its risks, and avoid injury by it. “We cannot encourage its use based on what is known at this time, under any circumstances whatsoever.”

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¹ www.serenityhealth.com/napafire_pourable_gel_fuel-p-3143-I-en.html

² www.napahomeandgarden.com/safety/