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Dangers of battery fire smoke inhalation

On April 11th 2025, Sacramento Fire personnel responded to a single vehicle EV accident, Tesla vs tree.

Five firefighters were exposed to the toxic vapor cloud/smoke, sustaining inhalation injuries.

Four out of the five firefighters suffered significant injuries and were still off duty as of October 2025.

The incident and their injuries are described in the following Green Sheet released by Sacramento Fire.

I am also including an article from October 2025 which verifies that the four fire personnel are still off duty attempting to recover.

Iâ€™d like to point out that the firefighters had removed their protective masks thinking the fire had been extinguished. Unfortunately, these batteries have a tendency to reignite, which this one did. The firefighters were only briefly exposed and although were a significant distance away, suffered inhalation injury from the smoke which contains highly toxic hydrogen fluoride gas.

Residents will not have Personal Protective Equipment and may not be able to escape the toxic smoke while attempting to evacuate their family members and animals. This puts them at risk for a prolonged exposure even if at a slightly greater distance than the firefighters during the incident in Sacramento.

The impacts of these potential exposure health risks are real and extremely significant.

Please do not approve the Prairie Song project which will utilize these dangerous Lithium batteries and endanger the residents of Acton.

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

The link below is to an article written in October 2025 which states that four firefighters from Sacramento Fire Department that suffered inhalation exposure during the April 11, 2025 Tesla EV fire incident are still off duty and suffering from their injuries.

<https://www.kcra.com/article/sacramento-firefighters-injured-toxic-ev-battery-fire/68141225>