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Public Advisory

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Safe Practices at Service Stations: No Smoking & Cell Phone Usage Prohibited

Reference is made to a video circulating on social media showing a member of the public smoking a cigarette in close proximity to a fuel dispenser even though a “No Smoking” sign was clearly visible. The Trinidad & Tobago National Petroleum Marketing Company Limited (NP) wishes to remind members of the public that **smoking is strictly prohibited** at Service Stations as it poses a significant risk as a lit cigarette or loose cigarette ash can ignite gasoline vapours in the air.

Out of an abundance of caution, despite ongoing debates regarding evidence linking fires / risks to mobile phone ignitions, **NP strongly discourages the use of cell phones in the area of the vehicle filler point when filling a vehicle and / or in the immediate vicinity of a fuel dispenser.** Mobile phones are not designed or certified for use in potentially explosive atmospheres, which exist temporarily around the pump and nozzle during refuelling.

Moreover, although NP works alongside Service Station Dealers to mitigate these types of instances as much as possible, we are also seeking the cooperation of the public in complying with all safety messages posted throughout the Service Station network and in exercising their social responsibility to prevent destruction and harm to themselves or property.

The safety of our customers is a priority that NP takes very seriously and we appeal to members of the public to exercise caution when refuelling and to keep cigarettes, lighters, naked lights and all other potential ignition sources off the Service Station forecourt and away from the immediate vicinity of fuel dispensers.

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