

# BE BATTERY SMART

## IT'S GOOD TO BE A KNOW-IT-ALL

**Got a tablet, laptop,  
hand-held video game,  
smart watch, or cell phone?**

Rechargeable lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries supply power to all of those devices and more.

If improperly charged, stored, used, thrown away, or recycled, **these batteries can catch fire or explode.**



## Be Battery Smart.

- 1 Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.** Different devices may have different requirements.
- 2 Never charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.**
- 3 Don't overcharge devices or leave them charging overnight.** Unplug them once they are fully charged.
- 4 Don't use batteries that are swollen, leaking, dented, or show other signs of damage.**
- 5 Do not place rechargeable batteries in your household garbage or recycling cart.** Recycle properly.

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