

Batteries are everyday essentials. All batteries, however, can become a hazard. If improperly used or disposed of, they can catch fire, explode, or cause other damage. If swallowed, batteries can cause injuries and death.

6 TIPS TO BE BATTERY SMART

- Always follow instructions on battery packaging.
- Store in a cool, dry place out of sight and reach of children.
- 3. Don't take battery-operated items to bed. Injuries can occur if batteries leak or overheat.
- 4. Be mindful of toys that might contain button or coin batteries.
- Do not place rechargeable batteries in your household garbage or recycling container.
- 6. Recycle properly.

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