

# BE BATTERY SMART

ALL BATTERIES  
ARE POTENTIALLY  
DANGEROUS

The risk varies depending on the battery type. If damaged or improperly stored, charged, or disposed of, **some batteries can catch fire or explode.**

**Smaller batteries can cause serious injury or death if swallowed or placed in the nose or ears.**



## Take charge. Be safe at home.

- 1 ALWAYS** follow the manufacturer's instructions included with the battery or device.
- 2 DO NOT** place rechargeable batteries in your household garbage or recycling cart.
- 3 RECYCLE** – options are available. For recycling locations, visit [des.sc.gov/bebatterysmart](https://des.sc.gov/bebatterysmart).

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