

BATTERY GUY

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**BE BATTERY
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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

1. **Always follow instructions on battery packaging.**
2. **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.**
5. **Do not place rechargeable batteries in your household garbage or recycling container.**
6. **Recycle properly.**

The **Be Battery Smart** outreach campaign is a partnership between the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI).

