



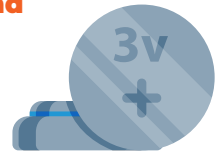
BATTERY BASICS



There is a hidden hazard in your home – **lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries**. Li-ion batteries power all kinds of devices (e.g., smartphones, watches, laptops, tablets). These batteries also power all kinds of children's toys – including remote-control vehicles, handheld games, e-bikes, scooters and more. **If improperly charged, stored, disposed of, or damaged Li-ion batteries can catch fire or explode.** Li-ion battery fires are more dangerous and more volatile than gasoline fires. Do not try to extinguish these fires yourself. **Call 911 immediately.**

Avoiding Rechargeable Batteries Risks

- **Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.**
Check the manufacture's website for battery safety guidelines.
- **Never overcharge or leave a device charging overnight.**
- **Never charge a battery or device under or on pillow, bed or couch.**
Place them on a solid surfaces like tile or stone counter tops.
- **Check the batteries in your children's devices frequently.**
Make sure they are secure and are in good working order.
- **Do not leave e-bikes or e-scooters unattended while charging.**
- **Do not place Li-ion batteries in your household garbage or recycling container.**
- **Store batteries out of sight and reach of children.**
Li-ion button batteries are especially dangerous since they can be easily swallowed.
- **Seek medical attention IMMEDIATELY if someone swallows a battery.**
Call 911! In addition, the Palmetto Poison Center Hotline – **1-800-222-1222** – can help in an emergency.



Where to Recycle

- **Look for collection boxes at retail stores.**
Visit batterynetwork.org for a list of participating retailers.
- **Check for special drop-off collection events in your community.**
Visit des.sc.gov/recycleheresc for a county-by-county list of recycling options. Download the **Recycle Here SC App** for upcoming drop-off collection events.



WARNING!

If improperly installed, charged, stored, used, damaged or disposed of, **batteries can CATCH FIRE or EXPLODE** – putting you at risk.

Do not try to put out battery fires yourself. **Call 911 immediately.**

Visit des.sc.gov/bebatterysmart for more information about battery safety and recycling.

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