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Lithium Battery Safety Tip



Now that the Holidays have passed, and most people have enjoyed their many powered devices that require Lithium-ion batteries These batteries supply the power to many kinds of devices such as smart phones, laptops, scooters, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars, but you must take care when using them. ***In rare cases, they can cause a fire or explosion.***

The problem

- These batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space.
- Sometimes batteries are not used the right way; batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous.
- Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

Safety Tips

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Put batteries in the device the right way.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed or on a couch.
- Keep batteries at room temperature.
- Do not place batteries in direct sunlight or keep them in hot vehicles.
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire



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Signs of a Problem

Stop using the battery if you notice these problems:

- Odor
- Change in color
- Too much heat
- Change in shape, leaking, odd noises.



If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. **Call 9-1-1.**

Battery Disposal

- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash.
- Recycling is always the best option.
- Take them to a battery recycling location or

Contact the Virginia Peninsulas Public Service Authority
At 757-259-9850 to find out when the next Recycling event
is scheduled in Hampton.

- Do not put discarded batteries in piles.



High-Tech Luggage

Smart luggage contains a battery and circuit board that can help you keep your devices charged during long journeys. You can also remotely track your luggage and prevent identity theft. Sounds great, but there are a few challenges to using smart luggage

Some major airlines no longer accept 'smart' luggage with non-removable lithium-ion batteries as checked or carry-on luggage.

The powerful batteries can potentially overheat and pose a fire hazard during flight.

In some instances, smart bags with removable lithium-ion batteries will be allowed on board if the battery can be removed on site and taken on board with the customer.

Check with your airline for restrictions

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