




# Lithium-Ion Batteries

## SAFETY TIPS

Lithium-Ion batteries are used in various devices, including cell phones, laptops, tablets, electric cars, scooters and bikes. These batteries store a large amount of energy and can pose a serious threat when not treated properly.

### THEY ARE KNOWN TO OVERHEAT, CATCH FIRE & EXPLODE

- Only purchase and use devices listed by a recognized testing lab, such as  Underwriters Laboratories.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for charging.
- Always use the manufacturer's cord and power adapter made specifically for that device.
- Do not store your bike or scooter near doors or windows blocking your exit in the event of a fire.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, bed, or couch.
- Do not leave devices unattended when charging.
- Keep batteries/devices at room temperature. Do not place in direct sunlight.
- If a battery overheats or you notice an odor, change in shape/color, leaking, or odd noises from a device, discontinue use immediately and call 9-1-1.
- If a battery catches fire, do not attempt to extinguish the blaze. It takes huge amounts of water to put the fire out. Evacuate the premises immediately and call 9-1-1.
- Putting lithium-ion batteries in the trash is illegal and dangerous.
- For proper disposal of undamaged lithium batteries, go to [www.bcua.org](http://www.bcua.org) - Household Hazardous Waste.