

SAFE CHARGING

Charge Smart. Stay Safe.

Many everyday items contain rechargeable lithium-ion batteries.

Damaged batteries, poor-quality chargers, or unsafe charging habits can increase the risk of overheating and fire.



MOBILE PHONES



LAPTOPS & TABLETS



POWER BANKS



VAPES & E-CIGARETTES



E-BIKES



E-SCOOTERS



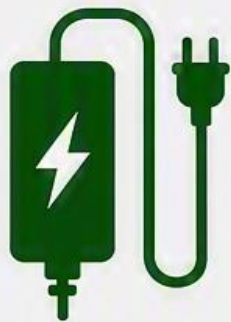
MOST BATTERY FIRES HAPPEN WHILE CHARGING

Damaged batteries, poor-quality chargers, or unsafe charging practices can cause batteries to overheat and catch fire.

By taking a few simple precautions, you can greatly reduce the risk.



USE THE RIGHT CHARGER



- ✓ Use the charger supplied with your device or one approved by the manufacturer.
- ✓ Follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- ✓ Unplug chargers when charging is complete.
- ✓ Buy replacement chargers from reputable retailers.
- ✓ Check that devices, batteries and chargers meet UK safety standards.



CHARGE IN A SAFE PLACE



- ✓ Charge devices on a hard, flat surface.
- ✓ Keep charging areas well ventilated.
- ✓ Do not charge near escape routes or exits.
- ✓ Keep combustible materials away from charging devices.
- ✓ Fit smoke alarms and test them regularly.



CHARGE SAFELY



- ✓ Allow batteries to cool before charging.
- ✓ Keep an eye on devices while they charge.
- ✗ Never charge batteries while asleep.
- ✗ Avoid leaving devices charging unattended for long periods.



HELP PREVENT OVERHEATING



- ✓ Protect batteries from extreme temperatures.
- ✓ Do not use damaged batteries or chargers.
- ✓ Stop using batteries that have been dropped, crushed or punctured.
- ✓ Watch for:
 - Swelling
 - Unusual smells
 - Excessive heat
 - Leaking fluids



IF IN DOUBT, DON'T CHARGE IT

A damaged battery can fail without warning.

If your battery shows signs of damage, stop using it and seek advice from the manufacturer or supplier.



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