

SAFETY NEWSLETTER

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May is National Electrical Safety Month

The Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) is dedicated to promoting electrical safety at home and in the workplace. This year's focus is How to Safely Use Lithium-Ion Batteries. Lithium-ion powered devices are everywhere. If you have a rechargeable device, it is probably powered by a lithium-ion battery. These batteries are safe if used correctly but if you use or charge devices that are not listed by certified testing labs, or if you dispose of the battery or device incorrectly, you make be risking a fire.

Where are lithium-ion batteries found?

- Cell phones
- Laptops/Tablets
- Electric Bikes and Scooters
- Toothbrushes
- Wireless headphones/earbuds
- Power tools



For information on how to dispose of lithium-ion batteries visit call2recycle.org to find a local battery disposal center.

LITHIUM-ION BATTERY SAFETY

HOW TO STORE & CHARGE BATTERIES

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Lithium-ion batteries are in all types of devices we use every day. These batteries can be found in cell phones, tablets, laptops, electric bikes and scooters, toothbrushes, and backup batteries. When purchased and used correctly, **lithium-ion batteries** can provide a valuable service, but there is a **risk of fire and injury if uncertified batteries or chargers are used.**

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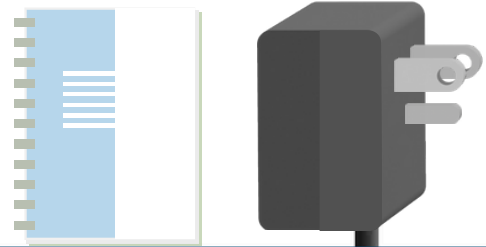
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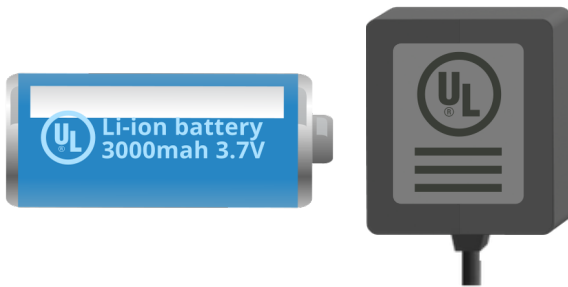
Purchase batteries and chargers that are listed by a **Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory**. These marks are found on batteries and chargers and show that they have been tested and are safe.

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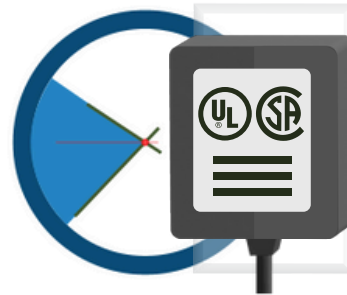
Always follow the **manufacturer's instructions**, including instructions on how to charge.

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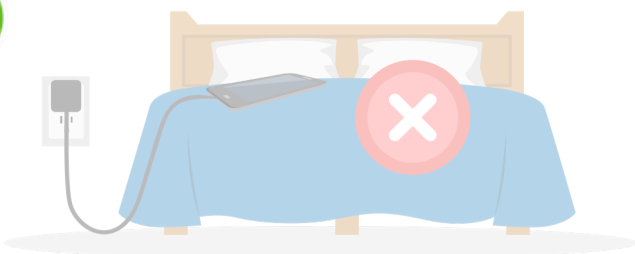
Only use **manufacturer-approved** batteries and chargers.

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Stop charging once the device is fully charged.

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Keep devices **away from items that can catch fire**, including bedding and couches. Never charge on surfaces that can catch fire.

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Never charge devices near doors or hallways that **may block exits**.

46% of homeowners plan to dig without notifying 811 in the next year.



Contact 811. Every Dig. Every Time.



*Based on February 2025 polling



National Safe Digging Month

In the spring as the weather warms, you may be tempted to go outside and plant flowers, trees, or do yard work. Remember calling 811 before you dig is a crucial step to prevent damage to underground utility lines. Striking a buried line can cause serious injury, service disruptions, or even explosions. When you call 811, utility companies will mark the location of their lines so you can dig safely. This free service helps protect you, your property, and your community. Whether you're planting a tree or installing a fence, calling 811 is a smart and responsible move.

Lawn Equipment Safety

Using lawn equipment safely is important to prevent injuries. Utilize these tips to protect yourself and your family:

- Read the instruction manuals.
- Wear proper safety gear such as gloves, goggles, long pants, and sturdy closed-toed shoes.
- Keep children and pets at a safe distance while equipment is in use.
- Make sure tools are in good working condition and never bypass safety features.
- Turn off equipment and disconnect power before making adjustments.

Time for Outdoor Fun!

Spring is a great time to enjoy the outdoors as the weather warms up and nature comes alive. You can go for hikes, have picnics, or take bike rides to soak up the sun. Parks and trails are perfect for spotting blooming flowers and listening to birds. Playing sports, flying kites, or gardening can also be fun and active ways to enjoy the season. Just remember to keep safety measures in mind to enjoy the season to its fullest.

Spring Safety Checklist For the Home

1. Test your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors and replace the batteries once a year.
2. Make sure you have an updated Family Emergency Plan in the event of a natural disaster or other catastrophic event.
3. Get rid of unwanted medicines by finding a take-back event near you.
4. When spring cleaning and using chemicals, keep them in their original container, use proper ventilation to avoid fumes, and keep them out of reach from children and pets.
5. Use ladders on stable, level surfaces and maintain three points of contact to prevent falls.

