

Be Battery Safe

There is a hidden hazard in your home – lithium-ion batteries.

Lithium-ion batteries supply power to all kinds of devices including smart phones, watches, laptops, and tablets. These batteries also power all kinds of children's toys including talking books, hand-held games, children's watches, e-bikes and scooters, and more. If improperly charged, stored, disposed of, or damaged, lithium-ion batteries can catch fire or explode.

These batteries come in all kinds of sizes and shapes including button size. If swallowed, these small, shiny batteries can get caught in a child's throat and cause injuries and death.

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Here are some ways.

- **Seek medical attention IMMEDIATELY if you or someone you know swallows a battery.** The statewide Palmetto Poison Center toll-free number – **1-800-222-1222**.
- **Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.**
- **Store batteries out of sight and reach of children.**
- **Never overcharge or leave a device charging overnight.**
- **Never charge a battery or device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.**
- **Never leave e-bikes or e-scooters unattended while charging.**
- **Check to make sure batteries in your children's devices are secure.**
- **Do not place rechargeable batteries in your household garbage or recycling container.**



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