









**Lithium-ion batteries** can be found in cell phones, tablets, laptops, electric bikes and scooters, toothbrushes, and backup batteries, along with other regularly used devices. Damaged or defective batteries can **cause fires**. Learn how to spot a problem.

## Signs of a Battery Problem

<p><b>1</b></p> 	<p>Change in the <b>battery color</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> 	<p><b>Sweet electrical burning odor</b> emitted from the battery</p>
<p><b>3</b></p> 	<p><b>Noises or leaking</b> coming from the battery</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> 	<p>Change in the <b>battery or device shape</b></p>
<p><b>5</b></p> 	<p><b>Smoke</b> coming from battery</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> 	<p>If safe to do so, <b>move</b> suspected damaged or defective batteries or devices <b>to an area away from structures or into fireproof containers</b></p>

## What to do if a Battery Fire Occurs

<p><b>1</b></p> 	<p>A damaged battery may <b>release toxic gas</b> that may not be visible and can be deadly even in small amounts.</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> 	<p><b>Evacuate the area</b> as batteries can explode.</p>
<p><b>3</b></p> 	<p><b>Alert others</b> of the battery fire.</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> 	<p><b>Call 911</b> and notify them of the battery fire.</p>

## What to do With a Damaged Battery

<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>call2recycle</b><sup>®</sup>          Leading the charge for recycling.</p> <p>Batteries should only be recycled at <b>approved battery recycling drop-off locations</b>. Damaged, defective, or recalled batteries require special attention. Visit <b>Call2Recycle</b> for more information; <a href="http://www.call2recycle.org/safety/damaged-defective-and-recalled-batteries">www.call2recycle.org/safety/damaged-defective-and-recalled-batteries</a></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>  <p>Damaged batteries should be <b>handled with care</b>. Keep batteries segregated from other materials.</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>  <p>Never place batteries in regular waste and recycling bins they <b>will likely catch fire</b>.</p>
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