



Battery safety code

Used correctly, batteries are a safe and dependable source of portable power. However, problems can occur if they are abused, resulting in leakage, fire or, in extreme cases, even an explosion.

Here are some simple pointers to safe battery use.

- Take care to fit your batteries correctly, observing + and - marks on the battery and appliance. Incorrect fitting can cause leakage, fire or, in extreme cases, an explosion.
- Keep unused batteries in their packaging or away from metal objects which may cause a short-circuit resulting in leakage or generation of high temperature.
- Replace the whole set of batteries at one time, taking care not to mix old and new batteries of different types.
- Make sure battery compartments are secure.
- Remove dead batteries from equipment and all batteries from equipment you know you are not going to use for a long time, otherwise, the batteries may leak and cause damage.
- Remember that small button-cell batteries such as those used in some hearing aids, toys, games and other appliances are easily swallowed so keep away from young children.
- Seek medical advice if you believe a cell has been swallowed.
- Supervise children if they are replacing batteries themselves in order to ensure these guidelines are followed.

Never: attempt to recharge primary batteries either in a charger or by applying heat to them. There are special rechargeable batteries which are clearly marked as such.

Never: dispose of batteries in fire because this can cause them to explode.