

## **Battery Safety**

Rechargeable batteries have become an essential part of day to day life in America please keep these tips in mind for safe battery use each day.

## Where are Rechargable Batteries







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## **Hazards of Rechargeable Batteries**

Rarely rechargeable batteries can become unstable and fail. Charging unstable batteries may lead to the battery catching fire or in extremely rare instances exploding. Batteries will often begin to heat while charging before a critical failure occurs. Causes of battery failure may include:

- Manufacturing Defects
- Design Flaws

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- Abnormal or Improper Usage
- Charger Issues
- Damage from Use (Dropping or striking the battery or device)

## What can you do to prevent battery failures?

- Read all manufacturer instructions before use.
- Register your product with the manufacturer, this is how manufacturers notify consumers of defects or recalls.
- Do not charge devices overnight or for extended periods of time.
- After your device has charged, feel the device where the battery is located. If it feels warm to the touch after charging, contact the manufacturer to confirm if there is a defect.
- If your device's battery has a critical failure, notify the manufacturer. This information could protect other consumers from a significant battery failure.

If there is any indication that a battery has caused a fire, please contact 9-1-1 immediately.