



# LITHIUM-ION BATTERY SAFETY

Did you know that Lithium-Ion batteries can cause fires or even explode? These batteries are in many of the things we use on a daily basis: cell phones, laptops, power tools, cars, toys, and battery packs for a variety of devices. If you've ordered any of the above on-line you might've noticed the warning label attached to the box.

Here in Oshkosh we've had fires caused by these batteries overheating in a hover board, power tool and a charging battery pack.



## SIGNS OF A PROBLEM

Stop using the battery if you notice these problems: unusual odor, change of color, increased heat, change in shape, leaking, or odd noises. If any of these are occurring stop using the device and if it safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch on fire. Call 9-1-1.

## TO AVOID THESE FIRES

- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for that device.
- Do not charge any devices on a bed, couch, or anything that can easily catch fire.
- Do not overcharge.
- Avoid after-market batteries or chargers.
- Keep the batteries and devices at room temperature when possible.
- Store the batteries and devices away from anything that can catch fire.
- Do not use the device if the battery looks damaged.



## BATTERY DISPOSAL

- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash.
- Take them to a battery recycling location. In Winnebago County they can be dropped off, free of charge, at The Winnebago County Solid Waste Facility at 100 County Road Y.