

RISK ALERT

Lithium-ion batteries present a hazard that may result in fire.

Rechargeable lithium-ion batteries are contained in common items such as mobile phones, laptops, e-scooters, e-bikes and power tools.

Whilst incidents are rare, they appear to be increasing and are serious when they occur. The batteries can overheat or explode if they are used, charged or disposed of incorrectly or if they are damaged, and fires caused by the batteries can be dangerous and difficult to extinguish.

Are your Property Owner clients at risk of severe fire loss?

“Lithium-ion batteries are more likely to catch fire when exposed to heat and moisture, or crushed”

Ensure your Property Owner clients / Managers are checking in with their tenants today with these simple tips to mitigate the risk of severe loss!

- ✓ Monitor charging times of lithium-ion products and disconnect products from chargers once they are fully charged. Consider setting timers as a reminder to unplug products.
- ✓ Keep lithium-ion batteries out of waste or recycling bins.
- ✓ Charge lithium-ion batteries and products away from combustible materials.
- ✓ Store batteries and lithium-ion products in cool, dry places and out of direct sunlight, including while charging.
- ✓ Do not use batteries, products or chargers that are overheating or showing signs of failure such as swelling, leaking or venting gas.
- ✓ Check the charger you are using is suitable for the product being charged.
- ✓ Allow time for batteries to cool after use and before charging.
- ✓ For more information on what to do in case of fire or explosion contact your state or territory fire department.