

# Batteries: Use Them Safely

Batteries contain harmful substances, such as acids and heavy metals. If batteries are not correctly used, stored and discarded, these harmful substances may leak, or the batteries may overheat or burst.

**Read and follow all instructions on the battery packaging.**



## Safety Tips

- Install batteries correctly by lining up the “+” signs on the battery and in the battery compartment of the product.
- Do not use different types of batteries together:
  - Do not mix old batteries with new ones.
  - Do not mix alkaline, carbon, or other types of batteries.
  - Do not mix rechargeable batteries with non-rechargeable batteries.
  - Do not mix batteries of different name brands.
- Only recharge batteries that are clearly labelled as rechargeable. Use the correct battery charger for the battery type.
- Remove batteries from an item that will not be used for a long time.
- Store batteries in the original packaging in a cool, dark place. Keep them away from household chemicals and food.
- Keep batteries out of the reach of children.
- Do not place batteries where they can touch metal, such as loose change in a pocket.
- Never discard batteries in a fire.
- Contact your local government to find out if they have a battery recycling program.



## Toys with Batteries

- Only adults should install batteries.
- Check that young children cannot open a toy’s battery compartment.
- Make sure that a child does not take a battery-operated toy to bed.
- Call a doctor or a poison control centre right away if a child swallows a battery.

**For more information contact Product Safety, Health Canada: 1-866-662-0666**

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