# Protect What Matters. Be Battery Safe.

Every day, Canadians rely on batteries to power their devices, from smoke detectors and laptops to e-bikes and toys, keeping us connected, moving, and entertained. But with convenience comes responsibility. If not handled or disposed of properly, those same batteries, particularly lithium-ion batteries, can pose a risk to lives, property, firefighters, and the environment.

We care about the safety of you, your loved ones, your homes, and the planet. That's why we, **[Fire Department Name]**, have partnered with **Call2Recycle** Canada's leading battery collection and recycling organization, and their **Recycle Your Batteries, Canada!** program to launch **‘Protect What Matters. Be Battery Safe.'** initiative. Together, we're committed to helping you understand and adopt safe battery handling and disposal to minimize the risk to our firefighters, residents, property, and the environment.

To Protect What Matters, follow these tips to Be Battery Safe:

* NEVER throw away batteries in the garbage or blue bins.
* When buying new or replacement batteries, choose reputable, certified brands.
* Always follow manufacturer instructions.
* Only use the battery type (and charger) designed for your device.
* Don’t charge batteries or devices near exits or under your bed or pillows.
* Keep batteries out of direct sunlight or in hot cars.
* If your battery is smoking, hissing, or on fire, contact your local fire department.
* **Collect** batteries in non-metal containers and store them safely.
* **Protect** battery terminals with tape or in plastic bags before storing or dropping them off for recycling.
* **Drop Off** batteries for recycling at a location near you. Visit **[link to Fire Department website]** or recycleyourbatteries.ca for a list of participating drop-off locations.

For more information on battery safety, visit **[Organization Website Link]** or [RecycleYourBatteries.ca/battery-safety/](https://recycleyourbatteries.ca/battery-safety/).