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BATTERY FIRES & DANGERS VIDEO / WCRA & NSW EPA

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Please see the link below to a video developed by NSW EPA & WCRA.
You can use this video for staff training & customer education purposes.

[Video Link on Batteries](#)

Also detailed hereunder, are my speaking notes, prepared ahead of the video session.

- There are many types of batteries in use today.
- Batteries are also inbuilt into many different types of products (devices, toys, tools, e bikes, computers, phones, vapes, running shoes, etc.). This is not an exhaustive list.
- All batteries contain hazardous substances.
- They can be combustible, flammable, corrosive and toxic to the environment and harmful to human health.
- They can emit gases, leak fluids, produce sparks and be a source of ignition.
- Batteries that are illegally and improperly disposed have caused fires in waste & recycling trucks, recycling centres, transfer stations & scrap metal recycling yards.
- All waste generators & householders have a duty under the law to dispose of their end-of-life batteries via a safe and lawful method.

Message for house holders

- Please do not dispose of any batteries or products containing batteries in the bin with red lid or the bin with the yellow lid.
- Batteries can be disposed of in dedicated, purpose built collection bins provided by retailers.
- NSW householders can drop off problem wastes such as batteries at Community Recycling Centres all year round, free of charge.

Message for commercial waste generators

- Please do not dispose of any batteries or products containing batteries in open bins or bulk bins or any form of general waste or recycling bin.
- In some cases, and only for small quantities, some batteries can be disposed of in dedicated, purpose built collection bins provided by retailers at point-of-purchase.
- For the safe & lawful disposal of commercial quantities of batteries, contact a hazardous waste service provider.