

LITHIUM BATTERIES SAFETY

SAFE CHARGING OF ELECTRICAL DEVICES WITH LITHIUM BATTERIES:

Bric takes the safety of our tenants and neighbours seriously. Please read this advice on how to Lithium batteries are commonly used in many electrical devices, such as scooters, e-bikes, laptops, smartphones, power tools, as well as household items, such as vacuum cleaners and children's toys.

These batteries pose some risks, such as **overheating, fire, or explosion**, if they are not handled or charged properly. Larger devices such as e-scooters present a greater fire risk.



FOLLOW THESE SAFETY RULES:

- Only use the original charger and cable that came with your device or a charger/cable that is approved by the manufacturer.
- Do not use damaged or counterfeit chargers or cables.
- **Charge larger devices such as e-scooters, e-bikes and mobility-scooters in the open air.** Devices should not be charged in hallways which are emergency fire exits - this is an offence.
- **Do not charge your device near flammable materials**, such as curtains, carpets, bedding, or paper. Keep your device away from heat sources, such as stoves, radiators, or direct sunlight.
- Do not cover your device with anything while charging.
- **Do not charge your device for longer than necessary.** Unplug your device when it is fully charged or when you are not using it.
- Do not leave your device plugged in overnight or when you are away from home.
- Do not charge your device if it is damaged, swollen, cracked, or leaking.
- Dispose of your device and battery properly according to local regulations. Do not throw them in the rubbish bin, and do not dispose of them in a fire.

If you notice your device or charger is creating an unusual smell or sound, developing heat, changing shape, or behaving abnormally, and it is safe to do so:

- isolate or unplug it immediately from mains power and move it to a safe place away from other people and objects.

If you notice any signs of smoke, sparks, or flames coming from your device or charger:

- **Call 000 immediately** and report the incident. **Do not touch it** – severe burns could occur. Raise the alert and ensure everyone evacuates to a safe area.

If people or property are at risk call 000; then tell Bric Maintenance on 07 3230 5542 as soon as possible.

HELP PROTECT YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR NEIGHBOURS BY FOLLOWING THIS ADVICE!

