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What you need to know about the fire risks of Lithium-ion battery use





Short Answer.

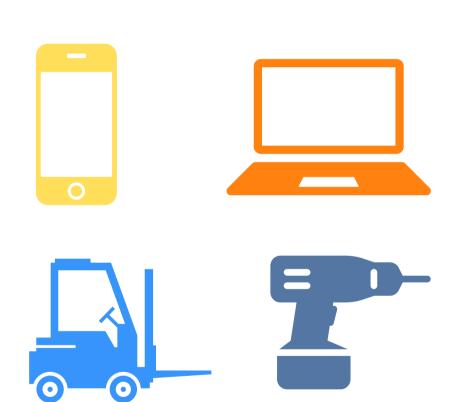
Yes of course you do.

However, 85% of organisations don't have a fire risk assessment in place for lithium-ion batteries.



Where might you find a lithium battery??

- Mobile Phones
- Laptops
- E- bikes
- E-Scooters
- Electric Vehicles
- Forklift Trucks
- Power Tools
- Energy Storage





How to reduce the risk of fire...

- Protect the batteries against being damaged through crushing, puncturing or immersion in water
- Always use the charger that came with your device.
- Avoid storing, using, or charging lithiumion batteries at very high or very low temperatures
- Don't leave items continuously on charge after the charge cycle is complete
- ion batteries together, especially on a plane
- Avoid fast charging an aged or lowperforming battery





How to reduce the risk of fire

- Ensure that wherever you charge a device, you still have a clear exit from the room or property in case of fire
- Lithium-ion batteries need to be kept within a good temperature range, with good circulation of air around them.
 Always charge them on a hard surface





It is certain you will have:

- Batteries in use
- Batteries being charged
- Batteries being swapped out
- Batteries being stored
- Batteries being disposed of





Which means you need to update your risk assessment.

You should always get a fire risk assessment conducted by a competent person to identify the scale of the risks present on your particular site risk and then create your strategy to deal with that risk.



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