

COLLECTION POINT BATTERY SAFETY



If you take back or store waste batteries here are a few useful do's and don'ts to aid safe battery storage and handling in the workplace.

DO'S

- Do always store waste batteries in an appropriate container like the WEEE Ireland Blue Battery Box
- Do store waste batteries;
 1. In a cool dry place away from a direct heat source e.g. radiator, lights etc.
 2. Out of direct sunlight
 3. Out of reach of small children
 4. In a weather proof area
 5. On an impermeable surface
- Do close over the lid of the WEEE Ireland battery box when full
- Do prevent the batteries from short circuiting by;
 - Ensuring no other waste or contaminants are present in the battery storage container particularly metal
 - Using vermiculite or other inert absorbent material in larger storage containers
 - Taping exposed wires and terminals with insulation tape
 - Leaving unused Lithium and button cell batteries in their original packaging if secure and safe to do so

DON'TS

- Do not put other wastes or objects into the WEEE Ireland battery box
- Do not overfill the WEEE Ireland battery box (max. capacity 5Kg)
- Do not store large quantities of batteries for long periods
- Do not lift heavy containers without assistance
- Do not store batteries near flammable materials

IMPORTANT!

- Keep an appropriate fire extinguisher close to the battery storage area e.g. CO₂
- In the unlikely event of a fire contact the emergency services
- Avoid the use of water as a means to extinguish a battery fire

Note To Retailers: Retailers are obliged under Irish law to take back end of life batteries free of charge, similar to those they sell, with no purchase necessary. See www.weeeireland.ie/retailer for further information.

If you suspect a battery is damaged or defective;

- Store the battery safely as per the points 1 to 5 above, away from other waste and flammable materials
- Use caution and protective gloves when handling a damaged battery
- Use vermiculite or other inert absorbent material if available
- Inform employer health and safety officer where appropriate
- **Contact WEEE Ireland on 1850 253 252**

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anything with a
plug or a battery

