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Signs of a Battery Problem

<p>1</p> 	<p>Change in the battery color</p>	<p>2</p> 	<p>Sweet electrical burning odor emitted from the battery</p>
<p>3</p> 	<p>Noises or leaking coming from the battery</p>	<p>4</p> 	<p>Change in the battery or device shape</p>
<p>5</p> 	<p>Smoke coming from battery</p>	<p>6</p> 	<p>If safe to do so, move suspected damaged or defective batteries or devices to an area away from structures or into fireproof containers</p>

What to do if a Battery Fire Occurs

<p>1</p> 	<p>A damaged battery may release toxic gas that may not be visible and can be deadly even in small amounts.</p>	<p>2</p> 	<p>Evacuate the area as batteries can explode.</p>
<p>3</p> 	<p>Alert others of the battery fire.</p>	<p>4</p> 	<p>Call 911 and notify them of the battery fire.</p>

What to do With a Damaged Battery

<p>1</p> <p>call2recycle[®] Leading the charge for recycling.</p> <p>Batteries should only be recycled at approved battery recycling drop-off locations. Damaged, defective, or recalled batteries require special attention. Visit Call2Recycle for more information; www.call2recycle.org/safety/damaged-defective-and-recalled-batteries</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>Damaged batteries should be handled with care. Keep batteries segregated from other materials.</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>Never place batteries in regular waste and recycling bins they will likely catch fire.</p>
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