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**THINK!
DON'T BIN IT**
ENSURING SAFE BATTERY DISPOSAL



Think, don't bin it.

Ensuring safe battery disposal.

Batteries are a powerful and convenient energy source, but they are also a major fire risk.

If not stored or disposed of correctly, a seemingly safe battery can ignite and may even explode.

In fact, research among local authorities* found that there were over 700 fires in 2022 due to improper battery disposal – and the problem is increasing.

Please do not put batteries in your Shred-it console. They can cause a massive safety risk to your customer service representative, and Shred-it team members at our shredding facilities - as well as having a potential impact on local emergency services.

When it comes to batteries and products containing batteries – think, don't bin it.



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**Always recycle
your batteries**
Help prevent fires in
the UK waste system



Here are some top tips for correct battery disposal

- Never put batteries in a rubbish or recycling bin
- Tape/cover the terminals of batteries before recycling them
- Make sure they are completely discharged before recycling them

Where to recycle batteries

- Shops and supermarkets: many retail stores offer battery recycling bins.
- Household recycling centres: check with your local authority

www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk





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What kind of materials can Shred-it help you dispose and recycle?

- ✓ Paper documents, envelopes and newspapers
- ✓ Expandable files
- ✓ Staples and paper clips can also be included



Incorrect battery storage and disposal can be a huge fire risk

For more information of what can and cannot be securely disposed of with Shred-it, visit our Resource Centre at www.shredit.co.uk/resource-centre

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