



CHARGED AND READY!

CHARGING YOUR CELL PHONE SAFELY



CHARGE IT!

No one understands the need to have a ready-to-go, fully-charged cell phone like we do. Yet with the latest news of several cell phone battery and charging issues, it should remind us that when charging our cell phone (other appendage), we should take some precautions.

Check Out These 5 Tips for Cell Phone Charging Safety



TIP #1 – ALWAYS MIND THE RECALLS!

IN THE NEWS – SAMSUNG RECALLS 1 MILLION OF SMARTPHONES

- **Samsung Galaxy Note 7 Smartphone Fires Due to Faulty Batteries**

Samsung released a recall of one million of its flagship product – the Galaxy Note 7 Smartphone after customers began posting images of the phones catching on fire.



TIP #2 – DON'T GO CHEAP ON THE BATTERIES

USE ONLY ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER BATTERIES

- OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer) Batteries have been tested to meet manufacturer guidelines for size, capacity and specifications.
- OEM Batteries can be monitored for quality issues in the field.
- Should an issue arise related to the battery, OEM battery issues are often covered under warranty. ***Third-party batteries may void the warranty.***



TIP #3 – STORE BATTERIES CAREFULLY

AVOID HOT, COLD, METAL AND OF COURSE WATER

- Cell Phones do not fair well in Hot temps.
***May cause overheating and an electrical short-out issues.**
- While cell phones do better with Cold temps, they can succumb in extreme climates.
***May cause battery charges not to hold. Eventually can kill a battery permanently. Can cause device operation and screen issues.**
- Metal surfaces can conduct heat.
***May cause an electrical short out.**
- Water goes without saying.
***May cause electrical short out and can permanently damage the battery and components.**

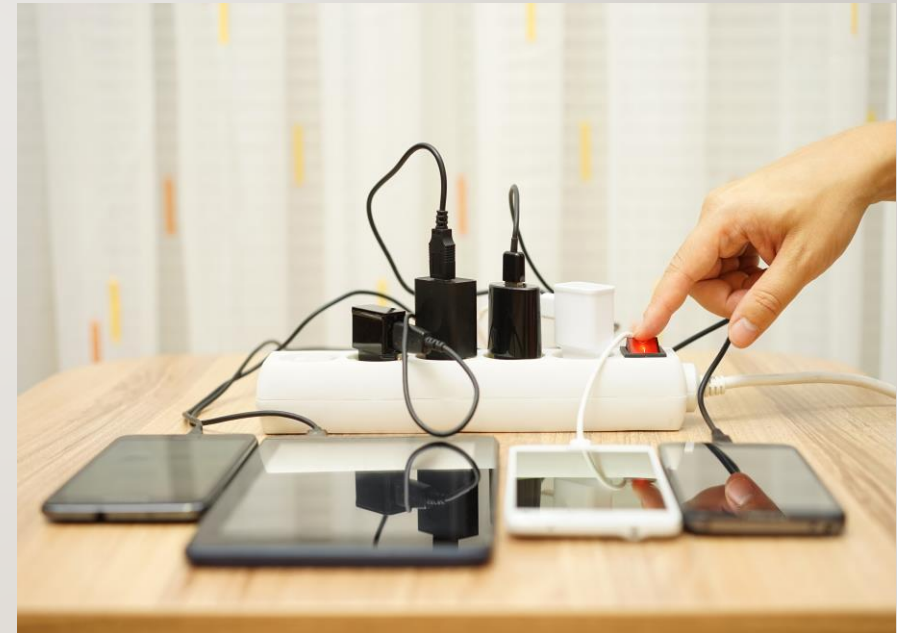


Special Note: If you accidentally drop your cell phone in water. Immediately remove the battery, dry the phone and place the phone in a container with rice (covering it fully) for 24 hours.

TIP #4 – DON'T OVERLOAD THE CHARGING

CHARGING STATIONS CAN BE CONVENIENT BUT ARE SUBJECT TO OVERLOADING

- Using multiple devices on a “charging station” (or a multiple jack outlet) can cause a host of electrical issues.
 - *May cause overheating leading to a fire.**
 - May cause damage to one or all devices.**
 - May cause batteries to die prematurely.**
- Always use the manufacturer charging cable. A third-party cable may not meet the specifications of your device.
 - *May cause overheating damaging the battery and cell phone.**



TIP #5 – DO YOUR RESEARCH

BEFORE BUYING A CELL PHONE OR ANY ELECTRONIC PRODUCT CHECK THE REVIEWS

- **SaferProducts.gov** - Provides consumers a way to search for products that are under recall.

<http://www.saferproducts.gov/Default.aspx>



- **Consumer Reports** - Offers consumers information on products that have tested good and bad in product research.

<http://www.consumerreports.org/cro/index.htm>



ENJOY YOUR CELL PHONE!

With proper precautions when charging your cell phone you should experience no issues. Like any electronic device the key is to treat it with respect.

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