

SAFETY ALERT



What happened

During an office workday a discarded lithium-ion battery, had spontaneously combusted within one of the recycling collection bins. Staff nearby heard the pop and then smoke coming from the bin. The whole battery bin was moved to an outside location where the battery was removed. No flames were present.

Important information & safety reminders

- Please remove all collection bins to an outside location at all sites asap.
- Leave these bins outside until further notice.

What is happening post-event

- The Battery bin was removed to an outside position
- The bin will be left outside till further notice for future collections
- The recyclable batteries will be taken to the council dump site instead of waiting for collection.
- Safety alert sent out company wide to inform workers of the potential danger of discarded batteries.



Questions to prompt discussion:

- Could this event have happened at our site?
- What are the key controls/actions/processes we have in place to ensure this doesn't happen?
- Are there any weaknesses, or opportunities to improve, those controls?
- How comfortable does everyone feel with how we manage this type of risk?