

National Fire Prevention Week 2026 Focuses On Lithium Ion Battery Safety

National Fire Prevention Week, October 4–10, 2026, highlighted the theme **"Charge into Fire Safety: Safe Charging Is a Superpower."** It's a reminder that everyday charging habits can help prevent fires involving lithium-ion batteries in phones, tablets, toys and other rechargeable devices.

Keep these safety tips in mind all year:

- **Use the right charger.** Choose the charger that came with your device or one approved by its manufacturer.
- **Charge on a hard, flat surface.** Keep charging devices off beds, couches and pillows.
- **Unplug when fully charged.** Avoid leaving devices connected longer than necessary.
- **Keep exits clear.** Charge larger items, such as e-bikes, scooters and power tools, outside when possible, away from escape routes.
- Our partners at the National Fire Protection Association created a great "family power check" tool to see if your family's charging habits are "supercharged". Check it out here and find a copy at:

https://www.nfpa.org/events/fire-prevention-week.

Safe Kids Grand Forks encourages families to review their charging habits together. Small changes can help keep your home and loved ones safe!

