

Laptop Battery Recall

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As you may already know, some computer manufacturers have announced voluntarily recalls of rechargeable batteries used in various models of portable computers. Under rare conditions, it is possible for these batteries to overheat, which could pose a risk of fire.

What should I do ?

If you suspect or learn that your battery is affected, please remove the battery from your computer immediately to prevent any likelihood of the battery overheating and causing damage to your computer. You can still use your computer by plugging it into any wall outlet.

Since the battery recall is handled on an individual basis, please check with the technical support group for your School/Department or visit the vendor pages listed below.

Dell Battery Recall Information

Dell Computer has recently announced a recall of some batteries which have been shipped with their laptop computers. The conditions of the recall require you to contact Dell directly to receive a replacement.

To determine if the battery in your Dell computer is included in the recall, and for instructions on obtaining a replacement, please visit:

<https://www.dellbatteryprogram.com>

Lenovo (IBM) Laptop Battery Recall

Lenovo and IBM Corporation have announced the voluntary recall of certain lithium-ion batteries manufactured by Sony Corporation. In the interest of public safety, Lenovo will offer customers free-of-charge replacement batteries for all recalled batteries. Please visit the Lenovo battery recall website:

www.lenovo.com/batteryprogram

Apple Laptop Battery Recall

The following Apple models are affected: iBook g4 and PowerBook G4

To determine whether or not your Apple battery model is affected, visit Apple's battery recall site at:

https://support.apple.com/ibook_powerbook/batteryexchange/

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