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Introduction

The disposal of lithium batteries is of the utmost importance to Axonn LLC, both from a safety aspect and an environmental standpoint. This document will outline some instructions for the safe disposal of these batteries; also regulating issues will be presented.

Instructions for safe disposal

The importance of safety in the disposal of lithium batteries cannot be overstated; Axonn recommends that all disposals should be done following the guidelines of the local policy. Regulations vary from country to country and used batteries should not be trashed without contacting local authorities for the proper procedures.

No cells should be incinerated without the guidance of qualified personnel using proper procedures. Extreme temperatures can cause these cells to rupture.

Preventing the possibility of a short circuit is recommended. This can be accomplished by taping the terminals and cutting off any leads.

Disposal of cells is governed differently in various countries. In Europe each country sets their own rules under the following directives; 91/157/EEC and 93/86/EEC. In each of these countries the manufacturer, importer and user are responsible for the proper disposal or recycling methods being followed.

In the US, spent cells can be disposed of but they must first be neutralized through an approved secondary treatment. This secondary treatment can be done through a professional disposal company. This treatment is required by the U.S. Land Ban Restriction of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984.

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