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Waste batteries

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Meeting your duty of care and managing risk

The UK Waste Batteries and Accumulators Regulations were introduced in 2009 with the aim of reducing the amount of batteries going to landfill.

This regulation works alongside others to ensure safe storage, collection, transportation and treatment of this waste. Batteries can be classified as non-hazardous or hazardous depending on the chemical composition, many businesses have a mixture of portable batteries which are classified as hazardous.

Under these regulations you have a duty of care to produce, store, transport and dispose of your batteries without harming the environment. This duty of care applies from the point of production until final disposal - even after it has been transferred to an authorised person. To ensure this duty of care is met you must:

1. Segregate, store and transport your batteries appropriately and securely without causing any pollution or harm to human health.
2. Ensure your batteries are transferred to a licensed and authorised waste contractor who is registered as a waste carrier.
3. Complete a Waste Consignment Note for mixed batteries (portable batteries only) and retain it for 3 years.
4. Ensure your batteries are recycled, treated and disposed of at a registered treatment operator, you can check this on the relevant environmental agency's public register.Waste Batteries - Meeting Your Duty of Care and Managing Risk



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Understanding the risks of non compliance.

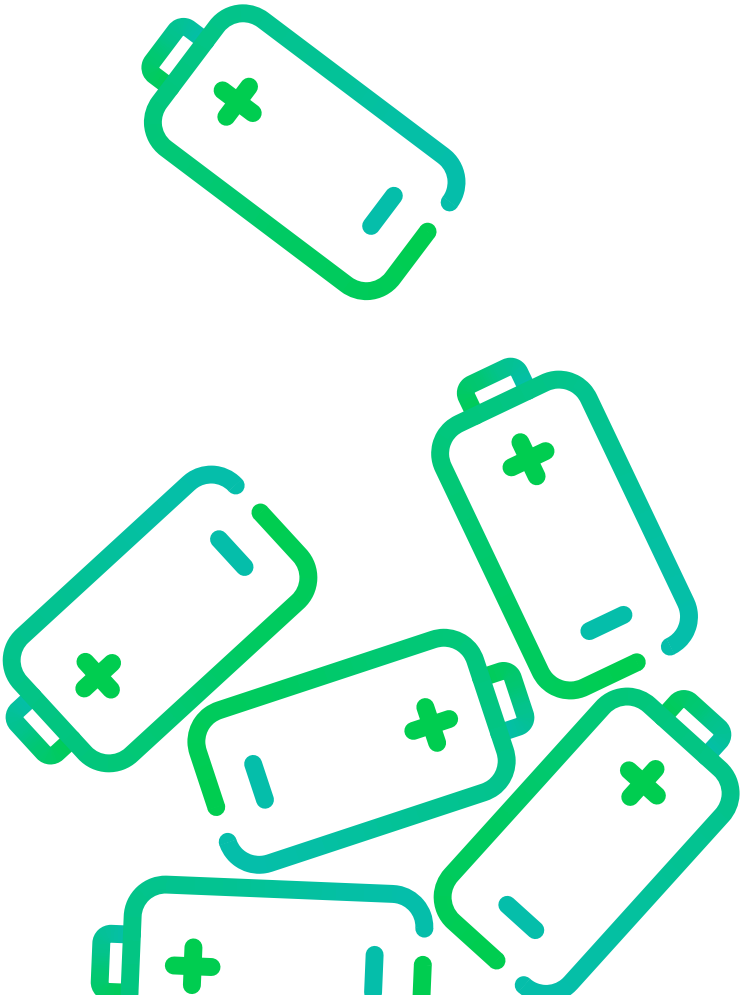


Prosecution and unlimited fines.
Councils and respective environment agencies are responsible for checking that businesses are complying with their duty of care. Non-compliance can result in enforcement action being taken.

Waste crime.
Products may be handled inappropriately, or exported illegally for cheap, unregulated reprocessing.

Environmental harm.
Improper treatment of batteries can cause harm to people, for example the incorrect segregation of batteries resulting in them going in mixed waste sorting facilities and causing fires. It can also cause damage to the environment, for example soil and water contamination from hazardous batteries.

Reputational risk and brand damage.
This can have negative impacts on your staff, customers, shareholders, and ultimately your profit.



How we can help.

Valpak provides a fully compliant Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment (WEEE) collection and recycling service to businesses and other organisations throughout the UK.

Valpak provides a fully compliant batteries collection and recycling service to businesses and other organisations throughout the UK. Our service is designed around managing your batteries to reduce costs whilst ensuring it is managed in the most environmentally effective, reliable and safe way to meet your duty of care:

1. We can help you segregate and store your batteries safely and securely by providing appropriate containers and collect it as often as you require.
2. We work with a range of licensed and authorised waste and recycling contractors to ensure your batteries is transported by registered waste carriers.
3. We can provide expert duty of care help and advice including information about how to complete Waste Transfer and Waste Consignment Notes.
4. We work with a range of trusted Authorised Battery Treatment Operator (ABTO) and Authorised Battery Exporter (ABE) partners to ensure your batteries is recycled, treated and disposed of appropriately.
5. We track your batteries waste supply chain via Valpak's Waste Manager Portal keeping all compliance documentation easily accessible to you



Fully compliant **batteries collection** and **recycling services** across the UK

With almost ten years' experience managing and handling waste batteries, our team are here to help you meet your duty of care requirements.

If you use Valpak to manage your waste batteries as standard we will provide a dedicated account manager, use of Waste Manager to track all your waste not just batteries and a regular market update to provide an insight into the waste management industry.

We pride ourselves on the added value and support we offer our customers in terms of strategic advice and awareness of government policy and legislation.

Using Valpak gives you confidence that your waste batteries are being managed in the most environmentally effective, reliable and safe way and helps mitigate any risks of prosecution, unlimited fines, waste crime, environmental harm and reputational damage.

For a free consultation to assess your batteries management needs please contact us.

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