

## **Traveling with Batteries**

You don't need to leave your batteries at home. Batteries and battery-powered devices are safe to fly with if you follow these simple guidelines from the U.S. Department of Transportation:

- Pack spare batteries in carry-on baggage. In the passenger compartment, flight crews can better monitor safety conditions to prevent an incident, and can access fire extinguishers, if an incident does happen.
- Keep spare batteries in the original retail packaging, to prevent unintentional activation or short-circuiting.
- For loose batteries, place a strip of insulated tape across the battery's contacts or place each battery in its own protective case, plastic bag or package to protect them from contact with metal objects, such as coins, keys or jewelry.
- Take steps to prevent crushing, puncturing or putting a high degree of pressure on the battery, as this can cause an internal short-circuit, resulting in overheating.

Per the U.S. Department of Transportation, "batteries pose little risk contained in the devices they power and that taking the battery out of the device does not enhance safety."

For additional information and the latest in battery and battery-powered device transportation, please visit <http://safetravel.dot.gov/>.