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DAMAGED LITHIUM-ION BATTERY STICKER

Key Message

New 'Damaged Lithium-ion Battery' stickers are now available for ordering via FRSA

What happened?

A new sticker, similar to the existing DFES airbag sticker, has been developed and trialled. This sticker helps identify damaged lithium-ion batteries during handover and post departure from the scene. Additionally, it features a QR code that directs users to the lithium-ion batteries information section on the DFES website, providing further safety information, handling instructions, and disposal actions. This information highlights residual risks to the chain of custody, including police, impound yards, tow truck operators, insurance agencies, vehicle owners, and the general public.



What do I need to do?

All CFRS, VFRS, VFES and SES (with Road Crash Rescue profile) are to access the FRSA website (ancillary section) and order one pack (10 stickers per pack) of 'Damaged Lithium-ion Battery' stickers. The stickers should then be stored in the HERG folder, or other suitable location, alongside danger tags and 'Do Not Operate' tape.

Once crews have secured an incident area and are ready to handover the scene, place a sticker on the battery, the device containing the damaged battery, or the container holding the battery. Additionally, a HAZMAT Incident Handover Record **must** accompany the handover of **any** lithium-ion battery.

Note: Crews are not to take lithium-ion batteries (damaged or non-damaged) from any incident. The handover to the owner or relevant party must be completed.

Further information?

For further information, contact the HAZMAT team via email at DOHazmat@dfes.wa.gov.au

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