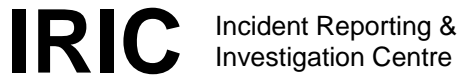


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This information message is sent to draw the attention of Equipment Co-ordinators to information which may be relevant to the safety of equipment and facilities in NHS Boards and Local Authorities. Please find the information below and attached:

#### Background

**National Procurement published Product Recall PR303 on 17/06/20 about the batteries detailed below (see PR303.pdf attached for further detail). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the batteries should be disposed of locally and not returned to the supplier.**

**Affected batteries will still contain a charge. During disposal, batteries can make contact with each other resulting in short circuits, overheating and as a worst case scenario, fire. As such IRIC is supporting this product recall by giving advice of safe disposal of batteries**

#### Affected product details

<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Allbatteries UK</b>
<b>Product Description</b>	<b>Battery alkaline ENIX PP3 9V 6LR61 PRA9001</b>
<b>Supplier Product Code</b>	<b>PRA9001</b>
<b>NDC SKU:</b>	<b>215386</b>
<b>Lot nos</b>	<b>All batteries with prefix /113 or /169 (located on battery)</b>
<b>NP Contract Ref:</b>	<b>NP660/16</b>

#### Action

- When disposing of batteries ensure compliance with waste regulations and local organisational procedures for handling waste.
- For new, unused batteries still in original packaging:
  - dispose of batteries in packaging if local procedures and guidelines allow. If this is not possible then treat the batteries as used.
- If battery is in used condition:
  - consider use of a battery discharging device to remove any remaining charge (if available).
  - cover the battery terminals with an insulator – insulating tape is acceptable.
  - Batteries must only be placed in collection receptacles designed for that purpose and they must be clearly labelled.

Further battery use and disposal information can be found here [EFA/2017/003 Guidance for correct use and disposal of batteries used in health and social care premises](#)

As the Equipment Co-ordinator for your organisation, we recommend that you assess whether or not to forward this information to managers and staff within your area of responsibility who might benefit from being aware of it.

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