

Policy Name	Electric Powered Personal Vehicles Policy
Policy No.	051

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Policy is to provide information to tenants on storing and/or charging Electric Powered Personal Vehicles (EPPV's) within GHA properties or buildings.

Electric Powered Vehicles includes, but is not limited to e-bikes, e-scooters, and mobility scooters. The use of EPPV's is increasing and so too are the number of fires they are involved in.

The lithium-ion batteries in EPPVs hold a significant amount of energy and can expel this in the form of a very hot localised fire, or in some rare cases an explosion. These fires or explosions can occur when the battery is damaged or charged incorrectly.

This Policy is intended to keep tenants and GHA buildings safe.

STORAGE OF EPPVs

Under no circumstances whatsoever should any EPPVs be stored in communal areas or escape routes, which includes corridors, stairs, riser cupboards, communal store cupboards, electric meter rooms and under stair cupboards. In Extra Care Housing, EPPV's should only be stored in designated 'Buggy Stores' or in designated external corridors, ensuring that pathways are not blocked.

EPPVs should be well maintained in line with manufacturers instructions. Any EPPVs that have suffered any form of damage or tampering are not to be stored on any GHA premises, either internally or externally.

CHARGING OF EPPVs

Manufacturers' instructions must be followed when charging and always unplug the charger once it has finished charging.

If you are not able to charge your EPPV outside, or in a designated area (Extra Care Housing), ensure that the device does not block any exit to the property.

In addition:

- DO NOT leave the EPPV unattended when charging, unless in a designated charging area (Extra Care Housing).
- DO NOT leave the EPPV on charge whilst you are sleeping.
- ALWAYS use the correct charger for your battery and buy any replacements from a reputable seller.
- ALWAYS check the battery for damage before charging. If there is any damage, **do not** charge.

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