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**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK (FPW) IS OCTOBER 5-11 AND THE CHICO FIRE DEPARTMENT URGES RESIDENTS TO
“CHARGE INTO FIRE SAFETY.”**

CHICO, CA — The Chico Fire Department is teaming up with the [National Fire Protection Association® \(NFPA®\)](https://www.nfpa.org/)—the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week (FPW) for more than 100 years—to promote this year’s FPW campaign, “**Charge into Fire Safety.**” The campaign focuses on highlighting the fire risks associated with lithium-ion batteries used in everyday household devices.

Lithium-ion batteries power many of the electronics people rely on daily, including smartphones, tablets, laptops, e-cigarettes, lawn and power tools, headphones, and toys. While these batteries offer convenience and power, improper use or disposal can lead to fires and explosions. Fire Prevention Week 2025 highlights the importance of three critical safety steps:

- **Buy Only Listed Products:** When purchasing devices that use lithium-ion batteries, look for a stamp from a nationally recognized testing lab, ensuring the product meets safety standards. Be cautious of items sold online or in stores that may not meet these requirements, as lower-quality products pose a higher risk of fire.
- **Charge Safely:** Always use original manufacturer-approved charging cords and follow all device instructions. Charge devices on hard, flat surfaces and avoid charging on beds, couches, or under pillows, as these can overheat and potentially ignite. Unplug devices or remove batteries once they are fully charged and avoid overcharging.
- **Recycle Responsibly:** Never dispose of lithium-ion batteries in regular trash or recycling bins. Instead, use certified recycling programs or facilities to handle batteries and devices safely. Proper recycling prevents fires and reduces environmental harm. Visit call2recycle.org to find a drop-off location near you.

Located in Butte County, California, Chico is the cultural and economic center of the northern Sacramento Valley and the largest city north of Sacramento. Known as a college town, the home of California State University, Chico and for Bidwell Park, one of the largest urban parks in the United States. For more information, visit

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