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BlackBerry Safety

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- Use only approved batteries with your BlackBerry device.
 - Use of batteries that have not been approved by Research In Motion might present a risk of fire or explosion, which could cause serious harm, death, or property loss.
- Use only RIM approved chargers.
 - Use of chargers that have not been approved by RIM might present a risk of fire or explosion, which could cause serious harm, death, or property loss.





- When you wear the BlackBerry device close to your body:
 - Use a RIM approved holster with an integrated belt clip or maintain a distance of 0.98 in. (25 mm) between your BlackBerry device and your body while the BlackBerry device is transmitting.
 - Use of bodyworn accessories, other than RIM approved holsters with an integrated belt clip, might cause your BlackBerry device to exceed radio frequency (RF) exposure standards if the accessories are worn on your body while the BlackBerry device is transmitting.
 - The long term effects of exceeding RF exposure standards might present a risk of serious harm.
 - For more information about the compliance of this BlackBerry device with the FCC RF emission guidelines,
 - visit www.fcc.gov/oet/ea/fccid and search for the FCC ID for your device





- Do not rely on your BlackBerry device for emergency communications.
 - The wireless networks that are necessary to make emergency calls or send messages are not available in all areas, and emergency numbers (such as 911, 112, or 999) might not connect you to emergency services in all areas.
- Keep your BlackBerry device away from medical devices, including pacemakers and hearing aids, as they might malfunction causing serious harm or death to you or others.
- Do not put your BlackBerry device in contact with liquids as this might cause a short circuit, a fire, or an electric shock.
- When you use your BlackBerry device speakerphone, never hold the BlackBerry device to your ear.
 - Serious and permanent hearing damage could occur.





- Exposure to flashing lights on the BlackBerry device can cause epileptic seizures or blackouts and might be dangerous to you or others.
 - If you are susceptible to epileptic seizures or blackouts, consult your physician before you use the BlackBerry device.
- Do not use your BlackBerry device while driving unless you are permitted by law to use the BlackBerry device in hands-free mode.
 - Using your BlackBerry device while driving could put you and others at greater risk of an accident causing serious injury, death, or property loss.
- Do not use your BlackBerry device in the presence of gas fumes as it might present a risk of fire or explosion.
- Do not use or store your BlackBerry device in temperatures that exceed 104° F (40°C) as the BlackBerry device might become hot.





- Do not dispose of your BlackBerry device in a fire as this might cause an explosion resulting in serious injury, death, or property loss.
- Turn off your BlackBerry device in aircrafts.
 - Using your BlackBerry device on an aircraft might
 - affect aircraft instrumentation, communication, and performance;
 - might disrupt the network;
 - might otherwise be dangerous to the operation of the aircraft, its crew, and its passengers;
 - and might be illegal.





- BlackBerry devices are not inherently safe and cannot be used in the presence of explosive fumes, explosive dust, or other explosive chemicals.
 - Sparks in such areas could cause an explosion or fire resulting in serious injury, death, or damage to property.
- Consult with the Blackberry website for more comprehensive on Blackberry safety: http://na.blackberry.com/eng/
- Other Cell phone safety information can be found through searching the web, such as at: http://www.cellphonesafety.org/