

## SolarTech Power Solutions

# Is lithium battery in energy storage cabinet safe



## Overview

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Are lithium-ion batteries safe for use?

Lithium-ion batteries are becoming increasingly important for (hybrid) electric vehicles and stationary energy storage, but there is a major safety concern regarding their implementation in such large-scale applications: one issue towards their safety.

Are flammable storage cabinets safe for lithium-ion use?

But that doesn't make them safe for lithium-ion use. A battery fire generates an intense internal blaze with extreme heat and smoke. Flammable storage cabinets are not designed to contain this. The fire breaks out, and in some cases the cabinet doors may even burst open due to pressure build-up.

Are power sockets safe for lithium-ion batteries?

They comply with EN 14470-1, and are intended to protect the contents from fire from the outside. This works well for chemicals, but not for lithium-ion batteries. Some manufacturers add power sockets to safety cabinets to make them suitable for charging batteries. But that doesn't make them safe for lithium-ion use.

What is a safety cabinet?

Safety cabinets, also referred to as flammable storage cabinets or chemical cabinets, are designed for storing flammable liquids. They comply with EN 14470-1, and are intended to protect the contents from fire from the outside. This works well for chemicals, but not for lithium-ion batteries.

Do you need a battery safe?

More and more insurers are including the use of a battery safe that has been tested according to the VDMA 24994 requirements by ECB-S as a condition in their policy terms. For organisations working with large numbers of lithium-ion batteries, this is becoming an essential requirement to remain insured.

Are flammable storage cabinets a fire hazard?

A battery fire generates an intense internal blaze with extreme heat and smoke. Flammable storage cabinets are not designed to contain this. The fire breaks out, and in some cases the cabinet doors may even burst open due to pressure build-up. An example of a safety cabinet

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