

Safety Alert

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Subject: Cabin Fire

What Happened / Narrative

It has been reported by one of our members that they had been subject to a small fire in a crew member's cabin. The crew member who was not in his cabin at the time had left a power bank (battery pack for charging small appliances) charging and unattended, it is thought that the battery had overheated causing the unit to melt, however this is still the subject of an investigation.

Why Did it Happen / Cause

This unit appears to be a cheap unit purchased online where the quality control may not be to the standard expected. This also applies to cheap and non-branded (non OEM) phone chargers; these are not to be brought for use onboard our vessels.

Corrective Actions Taken / Recommendations

The following is recommended;

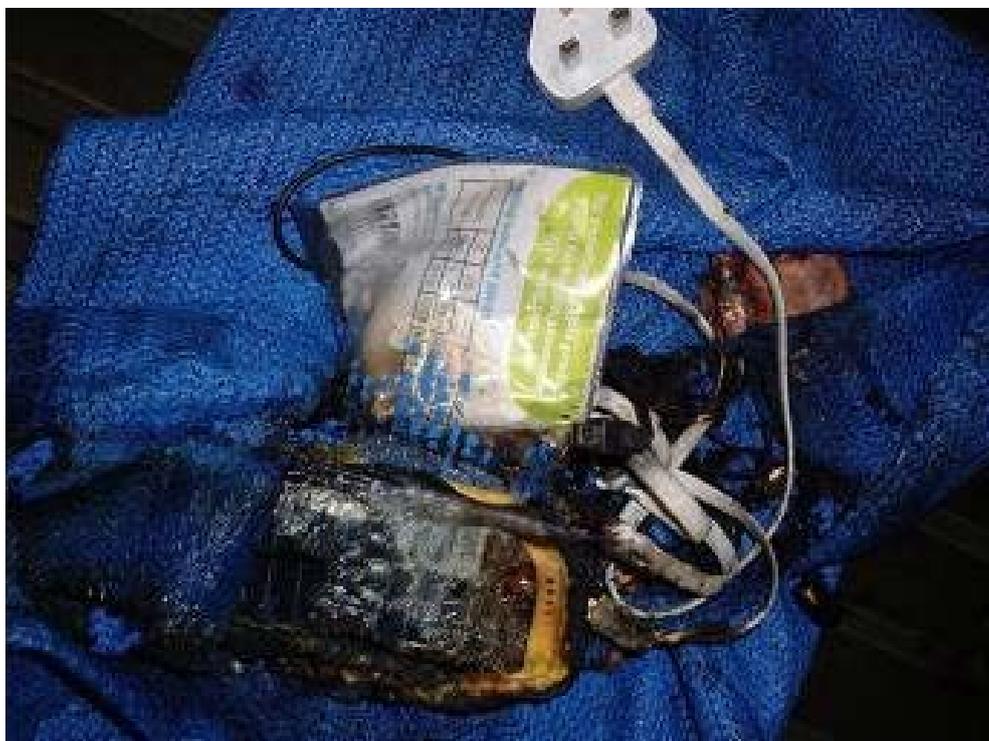
- The use of non-original chargers for any domestic appliance should be prohibited.
- The charging of "power banks" should be prohibited.

in addition, crew are reminded that;

All electrical equipment brought onboard the vessel should be checked and rated against the ships power supply by the engineering team, and to comply with the Code of Safe Working Practices 5.3.4.

Never leave any electrical items that are charging, or on standby when leaving your cabin, switch everything off at source and unplug it

Photographs / Supporting Information



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