

## British Safety Council lends its support to 'Battery Breakdown' campaign as it launches brand new health and safety podcast

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British Safety Council is the latest signatory to the 'Battery Breakdown' campaign as it launches the first episode of its brand new podcast, *Health and Safety Uncut*, featuring special guest Matt Humby from Firechief Global.

The [Battery Breakdown](#) campaign, run by Electrical First and championed by Matt, seeks to raise awareness of risks from e-batteries and to improve their safety. This follows growing concern over the rise in fatalities, injuries and devastating fires from e-bikes and e-scooters.

British Safety Council's new [Health and Safety Uncut](#) podcast will feature leading industry experts and take a deep dive into a wide range of topics, from neurodiversity in the workplace to the dangers of asbestos, how to prevent musculoskeletal disorders and issues relating to drugs and alcohol at work.

Its first guest, Matt Humby, is Senior Technical Consultant at Firechief Global and kicks off the series with a topical and informative discussion about lithium-ion batteries and the serious fire risks they present when not handled and stored correctly. *Health and Safety Uncut* is hosted by Dr Shaun Davis, Group Director of Safety, Health and Wellbeing at Belron International, who will interview a different guest on a new topic each month.

Paul Fakley, Engagement Director at British Safety Council, said: "*Health and Safety Uncut* is a great way to get under the skin of health, safety and wellbeing issues. Whether you're looking for new insights and information from experts and specialists, want to broaden your knowledge, or simply hear something new and engaging about health, safety and wellbeing issues, this podcast is for you."

Listeners can listen and subscribe to each new episode of *Health and Safety Uncut*, which are released on the first Monday of each month, here: <https://open.spotify.com/show/19ZT9Cb03WmVNaVIU77HIM>

With the number of lithium battery-related fires in residential buildings and workplaces rising, the first episode of *Health and Safety Uncut* provides timely and vitally important advice and information on how to minimise the risk and keep people safe.

Commenting on British Safety Council's support for the Battery Breakdown campaign, Phil Pinnington, Head of Audit and Consultancy at British Safety Council, said: "As with all new and developing technologies, the increasing use of e-bikes and scooters has prompted a wave of new questions, considerations, and challenges - not least for employers, as e-bikes and scooters have entered the workplace; and are routinely charged at (or under) our desks.

"British Safety Council is delighted to join other key supporters of this important campaign, and to work with Electrical Safety First to ensure that the future for e-bikes and e-scooters is both practical and safe."

To download a copy of British Safety Council's guide for employers on how to manage e-batteries in the workplace, click

here: <https://www.britsafe.org/training-and-learning/informational-resources/storing-lithium-ion-batteries-in-the-workplace>