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# SAFETY ALERT

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TABLET & COMPUTER CHARGING CART PRECAUTIONS

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We received a report that an employee was allegedly shocked while connecting an iPad to a charging cart. The matter is still being investigated including a careful review of the cart itself to determine possible causes and safety measures. At this point in time we believe the carts are safe when used properly and are providing this Safety Alert related to the safe use of charging carts.

If your school is equipped with a Bretford Mobility Toploader36 Cart, Model - HC490LL/A charging cart or a similar model, immediately implement the following procedure. Before plugging-in any devices:

1. Turn off the master power switch to the cart;
2. Unplug the cart from the wall outlet;
3. Load the tablets/computers into the cart and connect the charging outlets using manufacturer-certified cables;
4. Once all devices are connected, plug the cart outlet into the wall and turn the master switch on.



Electrical accidents can occur from faulty equipment, unsafe installation or misuse. When working with electrical equipment the following safety precautions should always be taken.

- Don't use electrical equipment or cords that are worn or frayed.
- Ensure plugs fit securely into outlets. Never force a plug into an outlet if it doesn't fit.
- Check outlets that have loose-fitting plugs which can overheat and lead to a fire.
- Keep extension cords clear of doorways and aisles where they can be stepped on or damaged. Never plug an extension cord into another. Extension cords must be unplugged when not in use and at the end of each day.
- If electrical equipment malfunctions or gives off a strange odor, immediately disconnect it and discontinue use until it is repaired.
- Match plugs with outlets; don't use adapters that interrupt the grounding connection.
- Don't reach blindly into areas with energized equipment.
- Prevent accidental contact with live parts by keeping items that can conduct electricity away such as rings, watches, belt buckles.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact OEHS at (213) 241-3199 or <http://achieve.lausd.net/oehs>.

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