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Don't Use a Fake iPhone Charger If You Don't Want to Burn Down the House

Electrical Safety First conducted a research to determine how dangerous fake iPhone chargers are for their owners, discovering that out of 50 such chargers, no less than 49 failed the most basic safety checks. The knockoffs were purchased from the UK, but it goes without saying they were made elsewhere, mostly in China. They are widely available, though, so pretty much anyone can buy such a thing for just a couple of bucks. Researchers, however, warn that no less than 50 percent of the tested non - genuine chargers pose a severe risk of electric shock when plugged in, and several “had the potential to deliver a lethal electrical shock or cause a fire.” In other words, these chargers can kill you or burn down your house in a second.

No less than 68% of the chargers suffer from lack of insulation and poor quality internal components, which in turn means they carry a severe risk of electric shock. Again, this means they can kill you when touching the cable. “This report shows that anyone purchasing an iPhone charger from an online marketplace or at an independent discount store is taking a serious risk with their safety. The vast majority of chargers we tested had the potential to deliver a lethal electrical shock or cause a fire. We’re

urging people to take care when buying a charger and recommend buying directly from trusted retailers only.

When you buy a fake, at best you could damage your phone but at worst you could be putting your life, your family and your home at risk,”
Martyn Allen, Technical Director at Electrical Safety First, said.