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Samsung Galaxy 7 Warning

Personal Responsibility Statement

Samsung has asked users to stop using their Galaxy Note 7 devices after a series of fires. Samsung has announced an expanded voluntary recall on all original and replacement Galaxy Note7 devices sold or exchanged in the United States, in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and in partnership with carriers and retailers. Since the affected devices can overheat and pose a safety risk, and some units have been found to burst into flames, causing personal injury and property damage, Samsung has asked consumers with a Galaxy Note7 to power it down and contact the carrier or retail outlet where they purchased their device.

A Samsung spokesperson said, "We can confirm the report that Samsung has permanently discontinued the production of Galaxy Note 7."

<http://www.samsung.com/us/note7recall/>

There are many reports in the news and on the web. One user reported that the phone was in his right front pocket when suddenly it started "whistling, screeching, and vibrating," and emitting smoke. When he tried to remove the handset from his pocket, he suffered burns to his right hand. And then the unit exploded without any warning, catching fire in the pocket itself and causing severe burns suffering severe and permanent burn injuries to his groin, legs, and lower back that required a significant skin graft surgery and will necessitate extensive physical therapy moving forward."

http://www.gsmarena.com/now_samsung_galaxy_s7_edge_catches_fire_causing_severe_burns_to_user-blog-20460.php

If you have one of these devices, we encourage you to contact Samsung and process the recall. As always, the campus community is advised that if you own and or operate one of these devices on the campus, any incidents that result in personal injury and/or damage to personal or university property, including Residence Halls, Classroom and other buildings will be considered the responsibility of the owner and not a responsibility of the University.