

Safe and Secure

Checklist for parents to help prevent children swallowing harmful products

Button batteries	Yes	No
Do you know where button batteries are in your house? Remember to check items such as remote controls, watches, calculators, toys, weighing scales, key fobs, LED lights, flameless candles, musical greeting cards and thermometers.		
Do you store new button batteries in the original packaging, out of sight and reach of children?		
Do you carry out checks on toys to make sure battery compartments are lockable and securely fastened?		
Do you check other item's battery compartments are secure and undamaged?		
Where compartments are not secure, do you put products containing button batteries out of sight and reach of young children?		
Do you dispose of used batteries straight away and safely (flat or dead batteries can still cause injury)? Many supermarkets take old batteries. If you are unsure check with your local council.		
Are button batteries kept out of sight and reach prior to disposal?		
Do you know the signs and symptoms of battery ingestion and know the action to take if you suspect a button battery has been swallowed?		

Small, high strength magnets	Yes	No
Do you know if you have magnets in your house? Remember to check toys, puzzles, adult gadgets, fridge magnets, craft items, fashion items and jewellery, including fake piercings.		
Are toys and gadgets that contain accessible magnets kept out of reach of younger children?		
Do you carry out checks for damage to toys that contain magnets?		
Have you spoken to older children about the dangers of using magnets as fake piercings?		

Other ingestions	Yes	No
When purchasing toys, do you use reputable retailers and ensure they carry the CE, UKCA or UKNI mark?		
Do you check for age-related warnings on products, such as "not suitable for children under 36 months"?		
Do you keep household chemicals, such as cleaning products like detergent capsules, out of sight and reach of children, ideally in a locked cupboard?		
Do you keep all medicines out of sight and reach of children, ideally in a locked cupboard?		
Do you keep electronic cigarettes and refills out of sight and reach of children?		

For further information on any of the above please visit www.rospa.com/safe-and-secure

REMEMBER:

- **NOTHING** is childproof
- **NEVER** leave your child unsupervised
- **ALWAYS** seek medical attention if you suspect your child has ingested one of these dangerous items