

How do I prevent my child from ingesting button batteries and other products?

Button cell batteries or coin cell batteries are extremely dangerous to children if swallowed. They power many objects around the home and can be found in items such as toys, watches, remote controls, flameless candles, key fobs, musical greetings cards and more.



Prevention checklist



- Check that battery compartments are secure.
- Keep new batteries in their original blister packaging and when not in use, keep in a locked cupboard.
- While toys are legally required to have lockable compartments, we would still recommend that you conduct checks to ensure they are secure.
- Some products are not legally required to have lockable compartments, so move these products high out of reach and out of sight of young children.
- Only buy toys and other equipment from reliable sources.
- When a battery has run out of power it still has some charge that can cause damage if swallowed. Dispose of it safely straight away.
- When changing batteries, secure the compartment afterwards.

For more advice go to:

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