

Is there a hidden killer in your home?



Button batteries found in devices such as...

- Small remote controls
- Car key fobs
- Calculators
- Thermometers
- Hearing aids
- Digital scales
- Musical cards
- Novelty toys
- Watches
- Flameless candles and nightlights.



Why are button batteries dangerous for your child?

Button batteries aren't just a choking risk. If a button battery gets stuck in the throat or gullet this can trigger the electrical charge they carry and create caustic soda (the chemical used to unblock drains!). This can burn a hole through the throat and lead to serious internal bleeding and death.

The scary thing is that your child may seem fine at first. They may not show any signs of choking or poisoning. In some cases, they may develop cold or flu-like symptoms.

How can I keep children safe?

- Keep products with button batteries well out of reach if the battery compartment isn't secure with a screw.
- Keep spare batteries out of children's reach and sight, ideally in a high-up, lockable cupboard.
- Try to buy toys from reputable retailers.
- Teach older children that button batteries are dangerous and not to play with them or give them to younger brothers and sisters.



If an accident happens

If you suspect your child has swallowed a button battery, act fast.

- Take them straight to the A&E department at your local hospital or dial 999 for an ambulance.
- Tell the doctor there that you think your child has swallowed a button battery.
- Do not let your child eat or drink.
- Do not make them sick.
- Do not wait to see if any symptoms develop.



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