

Symptoms

The symptoms caused from swallowing a button battery are can look like other illnesses.

Symptoms may include chest pain, coughing, vomiting, trouble swallowing etc.

Urgent action needed

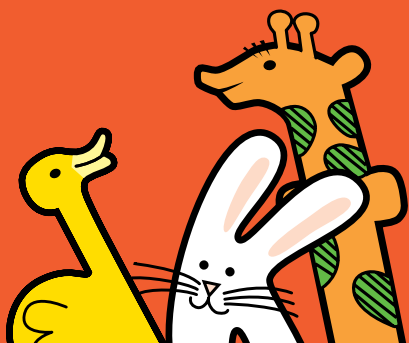
If you think your child has swallowed or inserted a button battery, don't wait for them to show symptoms.

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In an emergency situation, CALL 000 FOR AN AMBULANCE.



For more information about button batteries and how to make your home safe, please contact:

Kidsafe Victoria

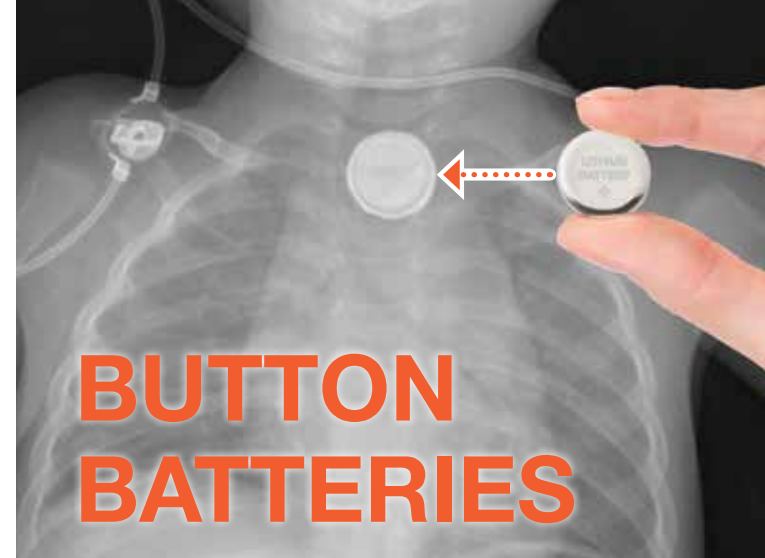
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BUTTON BATTERIES

Did you know...

If swallowed, button batteries can become stuck in a child's throat and burn through the oesophagus in less than 2 hours. This burning can lead to serious injury requiring surgery, or death.

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Button batteries are extremely dangerous

Button batteries can become stuck in a child's throat without blocking their airway. You may not even know that it's in there.

An estimated 20 children go to hospital every week in Australia with a button battery related injury.

Common items button batteries are found in



watch



car remote



thermometer



calculator



torch keyring



musical card & other novelty items



remote



fake candle



kitchen scales



hearing aid

Prevention



Look for items with button batteries



Keep items & loose batteries out of reach of children



Secure the battery compartment



Dispose of them immediately and safely

Button battery safety checklist for parents and carers

- Have you checked your home for button batteries and items that use them?
- Have you checked that the battery compartment of all items that use button batteries is tightly secured?
- Do you store button batteries and items that use them out of the reach of young children?
- Do you always dispose of batteries immediately and safely? *Batteries with no charge are still dangerous to children.*
- Do you check novelty items and toys such as flashing jewellery/clothes given to your children for button batteries?
- Have you entered the phone number of the **Poisons Information Centre** into your mobile phone? **13 11 26**

Adults can accidentally swallow button batteries too.

Hearing aid batteries can look like medications especially in the dark.

Follow the checklist above to reduce the risk of injury.

