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There's a
little-known risk
to **small children**



Inside small electronic devices may be very powerful coin-sized button batteries. When swallowed, these batteries can get stuck in the throat and cause severe burns or death.

Take Charge. Act Now.



- 1** Keep devices with button batteries out of reach if the battery compartments aren't secure, and lock away loose batteries.
- 2** If a child swallows a button battery, go to the emergency room right away. Do not let the child eat or drink and do not induce vomiting.
- 3** Share this information with others.

**THESE TYPES OF DEVICES MAY CONTAIN
COIN-SIZED BUTTON BATTERIES**



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Coin lithium button batteries *can cause* severe injuries *when* swallowed

Each year, about 3,500 button battery swallowing cases are reported to U.S. poison control centers. Serious injuries and deaths are on the rise.

The most serious cases involve nickel-sized 20 mm diameter batteries. These can get stuck in a child's throat and burn through the esophagus in as little as two hours. Repair can require feeding and breathing tubes and multiple surgeries.

Kids under 4 are at the greatest risk



Many slim, sleek devices have battery compartments that are easy to open and most parents do not know there is a risk.

Symptoms may be similar to other illnesses, such as coughing, drooling, and discomfort. Children can usually breathe with the battery in their throat, making the problem difficult to spot.

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National Battery Ingestion Hotline: 202-625-3333

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