

Button Battery Safety

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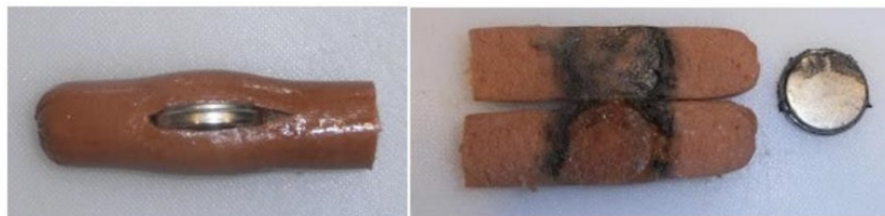
What are button batteries?

Button batteries, also known as watch or coin batteries, are small, single-cell battery shaped like a short cylinder, looking similar to a button.

These batteries are often found in everyday products such as watches, remote controls, toys and hearing aids. While their compact size makes them convenient, they can pose dangers if swallowed, especially in children who may accidentally ingest them.

How does it cause injury?

If swallowed, the battery has a chance to become lodged in the throat, potentially blocking the airway. There is also the possibility the battery can react with the tissue and cause injuries like burns inside the throat in just as little as 2 hours!



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Safe Storage and Disposal:

Storage:

- Keep button batteries in a secure location out of reach of children.
- Store them in their original packaging, which is designed to be child-resistant.
- Ensure that battery compartments in device, such as toys or remotes, are tightly secured and cannot be easily opened by children.

Disposal:

- Dispose of used button batteries by taking them to a recycling center or a store that accepts battery returns.
- Never throw batteries in the trash, as they can leak harmful chemicals, posing risks to the environment, people and animals.

First Aid for ingestion:

- **If someone swallowed a button battery or you suspect they may have, seek medical attention immediately and get to an emergency room, ideally within 2 hours.**

Remember to keep batteries out of reach of children and pets. Use devices and batteries safely, ensuring battery compartments are secure.

For further assistance, call the Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222.

Upcoming Events

- 2/22/2025-Black Youth with Stethoscopes event



Have you heard?

- Certain groups of people are at higher risk for severe illness from food poisoning.
- Higher risk groups include people aged 65 or older, children under 5 years of age, people with weakened immune systems, and pregnant people.

Learn more at
<https://www.cdc.gov/food-safety/risk-factors/index.html>