

Button Battery Safety



In today's technology-driven world, coin-sized button batteries are everywhere. They power gadgets and electronic items that we use every day. While they seem harmless, button batteries can be dangerous if swallowed by children. When a button battery is swallowed, it can get stuck in the esophagus on the way to the stomach and cause serious injury or death in less than two hours. Following a few safety tips can help prevent button battery-related injuries.

Prevention Tips

- Know which products in your home are powered by button batteries.
 - Keep these products out of the reach of young children.
 - Tape the battery compartments of these electronic devices shut.
- When buying electronic products, including toys or games, choose those that have compartments that require a screwdriver to open or have a child-resistant locking system.
- Store unused batteries in a locked cabinet or container that is out of reach of young children.
- Do not change batteries in front of children and throw away old batteries in a place that a young child cannot reach.
- When visiting other family members and friends, be aware that their homes may have button batteries easily accessible to young children.

Emergency Care

- If you think a child has swallowed a button battery or put one in his nose or ear, go to the nearest emergency department immediately.
 - Do not make her vomit
 - Do not let her eat or drink

Products That May Use Button Batteries

- Examples of products that use button batteries include:
 - Musical greeting cards
 - Watches
 - Calculators
 - Flashlights
 - Remote controls
 - Hearing aids
 - Thermometers
 - Bathroom scales
 - Cameras
 - Garage door openers
 - Talking books
 - Flashing shoes
 - Toothbrushes
 - Toys/ Games
 - Home medical equipment
 - Electronic jewelry
 - Holiday ornaments
 - Electric candles