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SAFETY FIRST



BUTTON AND COIN BATTERIES

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Button/coin batteries are small, round silver batteries. They are easy for young children to swallow and can lead to serious internal burns, bleeding and death.

Think safety first with these helpful tips.

- **Check items**

Button/coin batteries are found in common household items including children's toys, remote controls, watches, bathroom scales, cameras, musical greeting cards and flashing novelties. Make sure the battery compartments are secure.

- **Buy safe products**

Only buy products that comply with the Consumer Goods (Products Containing Button/Coin Batteries) Mandatory Safety and Information standards. Check that products require a screwdriver to open the battery compartment or are secured with a child-resistant locking mechanism.

- **Be alert**

Especially with items that do not have lockable compartments, including musical greeting cards, flameless novelty candles and some toys. Children should not be allowed to have access to these products if the battery compartment is not secure.

- **Keep out of reach**

Store spare button/coin batteries in a cupboard out of reach of children. Make sure you dispose of used batteries immediately. Flat batteries can still be dangerous as they contain enough charge to generate an electrical current once ingested.

- **Tell others**

Tell family and friends about button/coin battery safety and the importance of keeping them out of reach of small children at all times.

- **Seek medical attention**

If you believe your child has swallowed a button/coin battery, immediately call the **24 hour Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26**. If this is not possible go straight to the hospital emergency room.

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