



The Battery  Controlled

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-sized lithium button batteries *can cause* severe injuries *when* swallowed

Each year, about 3500 button battery swallowing cases are reported to the U.S. poison control centres. Serious injuries and deaths are on the rise.

In Australia, an estimated four children per week present to an emergency department with an injury related to a button battery.

Serious injuries and deaths are on the rise. The most serious cases involve 10 cent-sized batteries, but all sizes are hazardous. Batteries can get stuck in a child's throat and burn through the oesophagus in as little as two hours. Repair can require feeding and breathing tubes and multiple surgeries.

Kids under 5 are at the greatest risk

Many slim, sleek devices such as keyless entry remotes, mini remote controls, singing greeting cards, flameless candles and other electronics 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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