

# BE BATTERY SMART

## TINY, SHINY & DANGEROUS

There is a potential danger hiding in your home - **button and lithium coin batteries**. These batteries are used in all kinds of items - including toys. Both types of batteries are small, shiny, and appealing to children.

**Both can cause serious injury or death if placed in the nose or ears or if swallowed.**



## Five Safety Tips to Keep Children Safe

- 1** **Seek medical attention immediately** if you think your child has swallowed a battery.
- 2** **Store batteries safely out of sight and reach of children.**
- 3** **Know what toys and devices** contain button or coin batteries.
- 4** **Buy batteries with child-secure packaging** and a bitter non-toxic coating to discourage swallowing.
- 5** **Spread the word!** Tell your childcare providers, family, and friends about the dangers associated with swallowing batteries.

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