

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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