



BATTERY BASICS

Tiny, Shiny & Dangerous

There is a potential danger hiding in your home – button and lithium-ion coin batteries. These batteries are used in all kinds of items – including toys. Both types of batteries are small, shiny and appealing to children. Batteries can also be a risk for pets and the elderly. Batteries 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. Button batteries are tiny, but dangerous!



2 Know your devices.
Determine which toys and devices contain button or coin batteries.



3 Store batteries safely out of sight and reach of children.



4 Purchase 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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