

KEEP BUTTON BATTERIES OUT OF REACH

- Know where the batteries are in your home
- Keep battery-powered devices out of sight and reach of children
- Make sure battery compartments are securely closed and child resistant
- Keep spare batteries in a locked cupboard



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Button batteries are small round batteries the size of a coin. They are used in small electronics, toys, watches, remote controls, hearing aids, and many other items.

Every year more than 3,500 people of all ages swallow button batteries in the United States.

LEARN THE FACTS

When a child swallows a battery, it is impossible to know whether it will pass through into the stomach or become "hung up", or stuck.

Batteries that become stuck in the throat create an electrical current that begins to burn the throat. Serious injury can happen in as little as 2 hours.

GET TREATMENT RIGHT AWAY

- Go to the nearest emergency room immediately
- Call the poison center at **1-800-222-1222**
- Don't make the person vomit
- Don't let the person eat or drink anything
- Watch for symptoms like: coughing, drooling, discomfort, vomiting, and fever
- An X-ray will usually be taken to see if the battery is still in the body

