

YOUR CHILD AND BUTTON BATTERY SAFETY!



WHAT ARE BUTTON BATTERIES?

- Small, metallic, usually round
- Found in devices like watches, remote controls, toys, keys & key fobs, hearing aids, and other common household items



WHY ARE BUTTON BATTERIES DANGEROUS

- A button battery can be corrosive; When the battery leaks or rests against the body's tissue, it can cause burns and the tissue to die.
- These burns may occur in your child's body in as little as 2 hours!
- The severity of a child's injury depends on where the battery is in the body and the size & strength (voltage) of the battery.
- The greatest risk are:
 - 20mm (or larger) batteries (size of a quarter)
 - If the battery is stuck near the structures of the heart
 - When the battery's smaller side/negative charge is facing down



WHAT DO I DO IF MY CHILD SWALLOWS A BUTTON BATTERY?

- Take your child to nearest hospital!
- Do NOT wait for symptoms!
- If child is >1 year old, give 2 teaspoons of honey every 10 min. x 6.
- Do NOT give your child anything to eat or drink (except for honey).
- Do NOT make your child vomit. This could cause more burning and tissue damage.
- Do NOT wait to see what happens!
- Seek medical treatment immediately, even if your child is feeling okay or not acting sick.



DID MY CHILD SWALLOW A BUTTON BATTERY?

Signs that your child may have swallowed a button battery are:

- Fever
- Vomiting
- Belly pain
- Diarrhea
- Drooling, coughing
- Dark, bloody stool
- Difficulty breathing
- Feels "sick" to the stomach
- Not acting like usual...TRUST YOUR GUT!



KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE

Here are some helpful tips to prevent your child from swallowing a button battery:

- Keep new and used batteries out of children's reach
- Dispose of used batteries ASAP
- Do not store batteries in or near food products or packaging
- Ensure battery compartments are not accessible
- Supervise children playing with electronic devices



BUT I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS!



If you have more questions or concerns about the dangers of swallowing a button battery, call the Poison Control Button Battery Hotline:

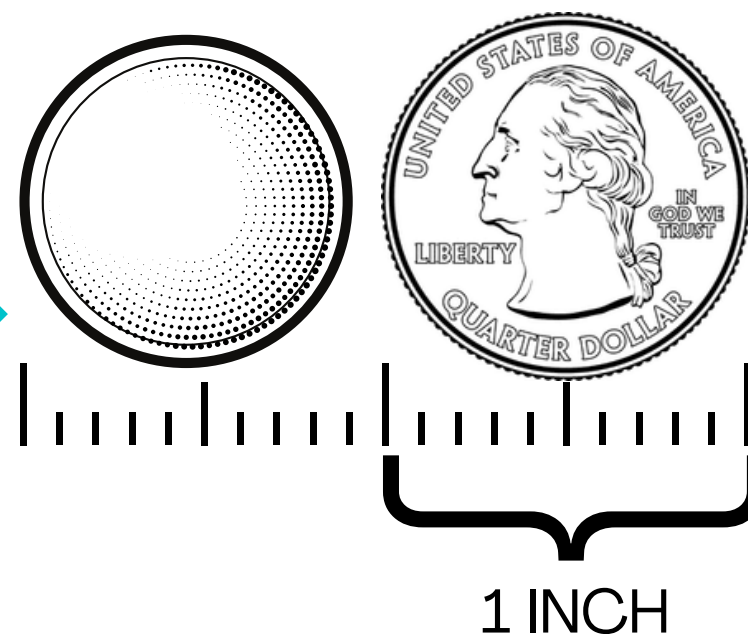
1-800-498-8666

If your child swallowed a button battery, call:

911



- A 20mm button battery is a little smaller than 1" in diameter
- Silver metal
- Most have a "bitter" taste



- A quarter is 1" in diameter
- Silver metal
- Flavorless

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