

Button Batteries

Watch out for these hidden dangers in your home!

Each year in Canada, hundreds of children face serious harm from swallowing button batteries. **Toddlers are most at risk.**

A swallowed button battery can cause severe internal chemical burns in as little as 2 hours. This can lead to serious injuries or even death. **Even used batteries are dangerous.**

Button batteries are commonly found in:



Follow these 5 safety tips to prevent button battery injuries:



- ✓ Be aware of all household items that use button batteries.
- ✓ Regularly check devices to ensure children cannot access the batteries.
- ✓ Always supervise children when they use products containing button batteries.
- ✓ Buy toys and devices with battery compartments that screw shut or those that do not use button batteries.
- ✓ Dispose of used button batteries quickly and properly.

If you suspect your child has swallowed a button battery, take your child to the nearest emergency department immediately. Giving honey to a child on the way to the hospital can reduce the risk of serious injury.

Learn more: canada.ca/batterysafety



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