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BUTTON BATTERIES

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Button batteries are small round silver batteries. They are attractive to young children as they are bright, shiny and easy to swallow. If a battery is swallowed, it can lead to serious burns resulting in internal bleeding or death.

Think safety first with these helpful tips.

- **Check items**

Button batteries are found in common household items including children's toys, remote controls, watches, bathroom scales, cameras, musical greeting cards and flashing novelties. Make sure the battery compartments are secure.

- **Buy safe products**

Only buy products that require a screwdriver to open the battery compartment or that are secured with a child-resistant locking mechanism.

- **Be alert**

Especially with items that do not have lockable compartments, including musical greeting cards, flameless novelty candles and some toys. Children should not be allowed to have access to these products if the battery compartment is not secure.

- **Keep out of reach**

Store spare button batteries in a cupboard out of reach of children. Make sure you dispose of used button batteries immediately. Flat batteries can still be dangerous as they contain enough charge to generate an electrical current once ingested.

- **Tell others**

Tell family and friends about button battery safety and the importance of keeping them out of reach of small children at all times.

- **Seek medical attention**

If you believe your child has swallowed a button battery, immediately take the child to a hospital emergency room. Do not let the child eat or drink and do not induce vomiting. It takes as little as two hours to cause severe burns once a button battery has been ingested and remains lodged in the body.

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