



# Button Batteries Be aware!

Button batteries power everyday objects like car key fobs, remotes and children's toys. But did you know that if they are swallowed they can badly injure, or even kill a child?

Batteries react with saliva and if a child swallows a button battery it can burn holes and cause internal bleeding, or even death.

**Tragically, a young child in Staffordshire has recently died from ingesting a button battery.**

## How to keep children safe



- Store spare batteries securely, out of reach
- Know which toys /gadgets use button batteries, check your home
- Get rid of 'dead' button batteries immediately – they still have enough power to harm children
- Teach older children the dangers – why they shouldn't play with them or give them to younger children
- Place strong tape over the battery compartment on remote controls

# Be aware!

Symptoms may not be obvious.

Your child might be coughing, gagging or drooling, or pointing to their throat or tummy. Unclear or fluctuating symptoms mean it's important to be vigilant. Trust your instincts and act fast even if there are no symptoms.

**If you think your child has swallowed a battery, take them straight to the nearest A&E department or call 999 for an ambulance**

For further information visit:  
<https://www.capt.org.uk/button-battery-safety>

Or <https://www.rospa.com/home-safety/advice/product/button-batteries>