

BUTTON BATTERY AWARENESS

In Australia,

- **3 children** have died from swallowing a button battery.
- **20 children** a week present to emergency departments with a button battery related injury.
- **1 child** every 3 weeks suffers a permanent button battery related Injury.



KEEP BUTTON BATTERIES OUT OF CHILDRENS REACH

⚠ Warning: If swallowed or inserted button batteries can cause serious injury or death in as little as 2 hours.

What are the symptoms?

Children under age 5 are most at risk of a button battery related injury. A button battery can cause internal burns, severe bleeding or death.

Symptoms caused by swallowing or inserting a button battery can mimic many common illnesses. In some cases there may be very few or no symptoms present. Symptoms to look out for include;

- Coughing, gagging, sore gums or sore throat
- Chest pain, grunting or laboured breathing
- Drooling, nausea and/or vomiting
- Bleeding, discharge or vomiting of blood
- Food and drink refusal
- Dark green or black stool
- Fever and/or high blood pressure
- Lethargy



How to call for help

If you suspect a child has swallowed or inserted a button battery seek immediate help.



Immediately

Call the Poison Information Center on 13 11 26 for 24/7 expert advice. In an emergency situation call 000 for an ambulance or go to your nearest hospital emergency department.



Don't

Do Not let the child eat or drink.
Do Not induce vomiting.

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