

Child safety and button batteries

Button batteries are found in lots of everyday objects including children's toys and books. They are small, flat and round.

Why are they dangerous?

If a button battery is swallowed and becomes stuck in a child's throat, it triggers an electrical charge with moisture in the body and creates caustic soda.

This can burn a hole through the throat and lead to serious internal bleeding or death within a couple of hours.

Keep batteries out of reach of small children

Act quickly – dial 999 and call an ambulance or take your child immediately to the A&E department at your local hospital.

