



CPSC Safety Alert

Dangers with Button Cell or Coin Batteries:

- Button cell or coin batteries are associated with thousands of emergency-department visits every year.
- The consequences of a child swallowing a battery can be devastating and deadly in a short period of time.
- A button cell or coin battery, if swallowed, can cause burns and devastating injuries in as little as two hours.

Button cell or coin cell batteries are found in products such as:

- Keyless entry remotes
- Wireless game controllers
- Remote controls (e.g. TVs, fans, cameras)
- Toys
- Digital scales
- Digital thermometers
- Watches
- Musical greeting cards
- Calculators
- Flashing jewelry and shoes
- Tea lights & flashlights
- Smart home devices

Safety Tips:

Look for screw closures

- Keep remotes, electronics and products with accessible button cell or coin batteries away from children if the battery compartments do not have a screw closure to secure them.
- If the battery compartment holds button cell or coin batteries and is damaged, replace as soon as possible, repair or dispose of the product; children have been injured by swallowing loose button and coin cell batteries.



- Toys with button cell or coin batteries are required to have a secure closure requiring a screwdriver, coin or tool to open. Check the toys in your home to make sure battery compartments are secured.
- Do not allow children to play with or be in contact with button cell or coin batteries.

Immediately secure loose button cell or coin batteries

- As soon as a discharged cell is removed from a product, place non-conductive tape (e.g. electrical tape) over the battery's terminals or around the entire battery and discard at a battery-collection center.

Always take care

- Never put button cell or coin batteries in the mouth for any reason as they are easily swallowed accidentally.
- Adults have swallowed button batteries mistaken for pills or tablets. Visually confirm that you are swallowing medications before taking them.
- If a button cell or coin battery is ingested, **immediately seek medical attention.**

In Case of Emergency:

Call the National Poison Help Line at 800-222-1222, available anytime.

For more information visit CPSC's [Button Cell/Coin Battery Safety Education Page](#).

Report any dangerous product or a product-related injury on www.SaferProducts.gov.

