

# How Much Do You Know About Button Battery Safety?

## Test Your Knowledge

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True

False



**True   False   Question**

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I should not worry if my child swallows a button battery because they are similar in size and shape to a coin. The battery will likely pass through the intestines like coin.

**True   False   Question**

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The battery compartments on my kid's toys are secured with a screw, so I do not need to be concerned with my children gaining access.

**True   False   Question**

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If I am careful not to leave small items like individual button batteries where my child can reach them, this will not be an issue for my family.

**True   False   Question**

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My mom wears a hearing aid with a button battery but she should not worry because this is a child-related hazard.

**True   False   Question**

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If I suspect that my child has swallowed a button battery, the first thing I should do is seek immediate medical attention.

**True   False   Question**

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I should be concerned about other batteries sizes too.

**See answers below...**

**Question:** I should not worry if my child swallows a button battery because they are similar in size and shape to a coin. The battery will likely pass through the intestines like a coin.

**Answer:** False...

In some instances a button battery will pass. However, the button battery could become stuck or lodged in the throat. When this happens, the battery can cause chemical burns in as little as two hours.

If you suspect that your child has swallowed a button battery, immediately seek medical attention. Immediately call the 24-hour National Battery Ingestion Hotline at 202-625-3333 or your poison center at 1-800-222-1222.

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**Question:** The battery compartments on my kid's toys are secured with a screw, so I do not need to be concerned with my children gaining access.

**Answer:** False...

It is true that the battery compartments on children's toys are secured with a screw, but adults must ensure that they are secured properly. Adults also should be aware that other non-child related items that are commonly left within a child's reach do not have screw-secured backs.

Some items with button batteries that are commonly left within a child's reach include:  
remote controls; bathroom scales; o wlecnf tggvpi "ectf u="light-up watches, pens and jewelry;"  
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**Question:** If I am careful not to leave small items like individual button batteries where my child can reach them, this will not be an issue for my family.

**Answer:** False...

While that is a great first step in protecting your children from this hazard, it is not the only concern. A recent study found that in more than 60 percent of the incidents involving children, the child was able to access the battery directly from the product.

Children's toys and products are required to have screw locked battery compartments to prevent access. However, other products such as remote controls, game controls"cpf "rki j vwr "r gpu and watches do not have to meet those same requirements. These products uj qwr "dg'hgr v'qw'qh reach from children.

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**Question:** My mom wears a hearing aid with a button battery but she should not worry because this is a child-related hazard.

**Answer:** False...

Adult consumers, particularly seniors, also have unintentionally swallowed button batteries. In these instances, the battery often was mistaken for a pill.

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**Question:** If I suspect that my child has swallowed a button battery, the first thing I should do is seek immediate medical attention.

**Answer:** True...

If a button battery is swallowed, contact your local poison control center or your physician immediately. It is important to determine the type of cell that has been ingested and the location of the cell. Most ingested batteries will pass through the intestines without any difficulty. If symptoms indicate that a battery is lodged in the throat, complications are more likely and immediate removal is usually necessary. Immediately call your physician, the 24-hour National Battery Ingestion Hotline at 202-625-3333 or your poison center at 1-800-222-1222.

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**Question:** I should be concerned about other batteries sizes too.

**Answer:** True...

Other sizes, such as AAA batteries, are also an ingestion hazard and should be kept out of reach of young children.

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