



# TAKE CHARGE...

of button batteries  
around your home

**identify | secure | elevate | eliminate**

Button batteries are small, round, silver batteries. They are attractive to young children because they are shiny, bright and easy to swallow.

If a child swallows or inserts a button battery, it can lead to burns, resulting in serious injury, internal bleeding or death.



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**identify** | all items in your home that contain button batteries. Examples include children's toys, remote controls, watches, cameras, bathroom scales, musical greeting cards and flashing novelties.

**secure** | the battery compartment. Make sure the battery compartment can only be opened with a screwdriver or by applying two distinct and separate movements.

**elevate** | button batteries and items containing button batteries out of reach of children.

**eliminate** | button battery items from your home by buying alternate products that use regular batteries or a different power source. Safely dispose of any items you no longer need. Dispose of used button batteries immediately. Flat batteries still contain enough charge to generate an electrical current once ingested and cause serious injury.

If you think your child has swallowed or inserted a button battery, immediately call the 24 hour **Poisons Information Centre 13 11 26** for fast, expert advice.

**Do not let your child eat or drink, and do not induce vomiting.** It can take as little as two hours to cause severe injury once a button battery has been ingested.

Tell your family and friends about button battery safety. Ask retailers for safer alternatives and source safer products for any school or community events.

For more information visit

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