

Keeping Tamariki Safe

Button Batteries



They're small but dangerous

Button batteries can cause serious internal burns.



Check your where

Button batteries are hidden in everyday items.



Secure or remove

Ensure battery covers are secure. If not, keep the item out of reach.



Act fast

If you suspect your child has ingested a BB go to the nearest emergency department immediately.

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Button Battery Risk

- Button batteries can cause serious injury or death if swallowed or inserted into the nose or ears.
- Button batteries can get stuck in the throat or stomach and cause life-threatening burns and tissue damage as chemicals leak out.
- Injury can begin in just hours, even without symptoms.

In Case of Ingestion or Insertion

- Act immediately.
- Go to the nearest emergency department straight away. Do not wait for symptoms.
- Children over 1 year who swallow a button battery can be given 10 ml of honey every 10 minutes, up to six doses, within the first 12 hours.
- Do not give food or drink.

Check Your Where

- TV remotes and car key fobs.
- Toys and musical items.
- Tealight candles and novelty lights.
- Greeting and birthday cards.
- Watches, thermometers, scales, and hearing aids.
- Small items that light up or make sounds may contain button batteries.

Dispose of Batteries Safely

- Used batteries are still dangerous.
- Do not put button batteries in household rubbish.
- Cover both sides of the battery with tape and take them to a battery recycling point.

Secure or Remove

- Check battery compartments regularly
- Make sure compartments are screwed shut and cannot be opened by tamariki.
- If it can't be secured, store the item out of reach or consider safer alternatives that don't use button batteries.