



## Symptoms

Symptoms may be similar to other illnesses (coughing, drooling, and discomfort). Children can usually breathe with the battery in their throat making the problem difficult to identify. When X-rayed, the battery can be mistaken for a coin.

## Get Help Fast.

1. Go to your nearest hospital emergency department immediately. Tell doctors and nurses that your child may have swallowed or inserted a battery.
2. Do not let the child eat or drink until reviewed by a doctor. Do not induce vomiting.

Learn more, visit [TheBatteryControlled.co.nz](http://TheBatteryControlled.co.nz)



or call the **National Poisons Centre**  
at **0800 POISON (0800 764 766)**



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## There's a little-known risk to small children



Inside small devices can be powerful coin-sized batteries. When swallowed or inserted in the nose or ears, they could cause severe burns **in as little as 2 hours**.

Children have died. For those that survive, recovery can take years and involve feeding and breathing tubes, and multiple surgeries.

Children under 6 are at the greatest risk

## Take Charge. Act Now.

- **SEARCH** your home, and any place your child goes, for gadgets that may contain button batteries.
- **SECURE** button battery-controlled devices out of sight and reach of children and keep loose batteries locked away.
- **SHARE** this life-saving information with caregivers, friends, family and whanau.

THESE TYPES OF DEVICES MAY CONTAIN COIN-SIZED BUTTON BATTERIES

