



## What if? Safety Tips: Button Batteries

Button batteries power everything from remote controls to singing greeting cards. Often smaller than a quarter, these increasingly popular batteries can be deadly if swallowed. Here are a safety tips courtesy of Safe Kids Worldwide when it comes to button batteries:

- Keep button battery-controlled devices out of children’s sight and reach. Such devices include remote controls, singing greeting cards or books, games, children’s toys, digital scales, watches, hearing aids, thermometers, calculators, key fobs, t-light candles, flashing holiday jewelry or decorations.
- Keep loose batteries locked away or place a piece of duct tape over devices to prevent small children from accessing the battery. The number one device linked to battery ingestion cases —remote controls.
- Share this life-saving information with caregivers, friends, family members and babysitters. It only takes a minute.
- If parents don’t witness the child swallowing a button battery, it could be hard for a doctor to diagnose. The symptoms from ingesting a battery are initially similar to those of common viral illnesses.
- If you suspect your child has ingested a battery, go to the hospital immediately. Don’t induce vomiting or have your child eat or drink anything until seen by a medical professional.
- Keep the National Battery Ingestion Hotline phone number (202-625-3333) handy. Call anytime for additional treatment information.

Visit us online: [www.whatifpbc.org](http://www.whatifpbc.org)