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with disabilities and special health needs

Button and Coin Batteries

Some small round batteries are used to charge watches, key fobs, flameless candles, toys, and other items.

These batteries are called button or coin batteries.

It is important to keep these batteries away from young children and pets.

These types of batteries can be very dangerous if swallowed by a human or an animal. It doesn't matter if they are new batteries or used batteries.

These batteries can get stuck inside your body and can cause serious injuries.

If you or someone else swallows one or more of these batteries, it is important to call a doctor, the Poison Control Center 1-800-222-1222 or 911 immediately.

We value the expertise of our partners in safety who have demonstrated their commitment to inclusive healthy communities. Portions of this resource have been adapted from the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System (www.njpies.org).

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