



## Why We CARE

**27** Children that died after swallowing a button battery  
*(nationally between 2016–2021)*

**283** Number of children treated in metro-Atlanta for button battery ingestions  
*(2007-2020)*

**2 hours** Time it takes to cause severe tissue burns and **lifelong injuries** when a Lithium button cell battery becomes impacted in the esophagus

**Every 3 hours** How often a child arrives at the ED because they swallowed a button battery *(approximately 70,322 over a recent 9-year period)*



## How to PLAY IT SAFE

- Store all loose batteries in a locked cabinet or box, **out of reach** and **out of sight** of children.
- **Do not let small children play with things that might use button batteries.** This includes key fobs, remote controls, flashing shoes/clothes, musical greeting cards, watches, thermometers, talking books, flameless candles, calculators, and even toys!
- Make sure that the battery case is **shut tight and secured** on every battery-powered device in and around the home.
- Use devices that **can only be opened using a tool**, such as a screwdriver, when at all possible.
- **Promptly dispose all button batteries** as soon as they are removed from the device where they were in use. Wrap them in multiple layers of tape.



**DID YOU KNOW?**

**A battery may still have enough power in it to cause injury even if it is not enough to make a device work.**

Put the **National Battery Ingestion Hotline** number into your phone: **800-498-8666**

Visit [georgiapoisoncenter.org](http://georgiapoisoncenter.org) for free online chat and translators, too!

**Call 911 immediately** if your child is experiencing: sudden crying, drooling, decreased eating or drinking, difficulty swallowing, hoarse voice, vomiting, chest pain or discomfort, abdominal pain, blood in saliva or stool.

**Do not induce vomiting.** If the child is older than 12 months, feed 2 teaspoons of honey every 10 minutes on way to the Emergency Room *as long as it does not delay seeking care.*



## DID YOU KNOW?

**When swallowed, a button battery reacts with saliva and lets off an electrical current that burns the tissue.**



## PLAY IT SAFE

with burn safety, safe sleep, firearms, poison prevention, and more in the [Georgia AAP Toolkit—\[geaap.org/play-it-safe\]\(http://geaap.org/play-it-safe\)](http://geaap.org/play-it-safe).

