



## Get the Facts: Coin Lithium Battery Safety

Small electronics found in most homes can pose an unknown risk to young children. Many – such as mini remotes and flameless candles – contain powerful coin lithium batteries that can cause serious injury when swallowed by a small child by getting lodged in the esophagus.



### TAKE ACTION TO KEEP KIDS SAFE

#### 1) Learn the Facts

Know which devices use coin lithium batteries. Learn the symptoms of ingestion, such as coughing, drooling and discomfort.

#### 2) Reduce the Risk

Check your home for loose or spare coin lithium batteries and devices that use them. Lock them away from kids. When purchasing new coin lithium batteries, choose batteries in packaging that requires scissors to open. Tell others about the risk.

#### 3) Get Help Fast

If a child swallows one of these batteries, go to the ER immediately. Tell doctors and nurses it might be a coin lithium battery. Don't let the child eat or drink and don't induce vomiting.

## Fast Facts



### BATTERY INGESTION RISK

- About 3,500 coin lithium battery swallowing cases are reported to U.S. poison control centers every year. Children under age 4 are at greatest risk.
- The most serious swallowing cases involve nickel-sized 20 mm diameter batteries. When these get stuck in a child's throat they can trigger a chemical reaction and burn through the esophagus in less than two hours.

- Repair can require ongoing medical care, including breathing tubes and multiple surgeries.

### SYMPTOMS

- Symptoms of ingestion are similar to other illnesses: coughing, drooling and discomfort.



### ENERGIZER'S COMMITMENT

- As part of its commitment to preventing coin lithium battery injuries Energizer has led research, awareness efforts and standards development in the area of coin lithium battery safety. We were also the first to introduce in North America coin lithium battery packaging compliant with child resistant packaging standards and recommendations made by the staff at the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

### THESE TYPES OF DEVICES AND OTHERS MAY CONTAIN COIN LITHIUM BATTERIES



Data provided by Dr. Toby Litovitz and the National Capital Poison Center based on incidents reported to U.S. poison control centers.

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