

**Button battery safety:**

**Children under the age of 3 shouldn't play with toys with button batteries unless they are well-sealed in the toy and impossible for them to remove. One child every three hours in the United States swallows a button battery. The hazard of button batteries is if they lodge in a child's GI track they will burn a whole through tissue, not because of chemical leakage but because of the electrical charge. Children have been seriously injured and some have died from swallowing button batteries. Button batteries are obviously not just in toys but in many other household items. Parents/caregivers should search their home for items with button batteries and keep them out of reach of children.**

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