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They are referring to the small, round lithium batteries that are now used in many household products.

If a child swallows one of these batteries, it must be removed within two hours, otherwise the current from the battery can react with tissue fluids in the esophagus.

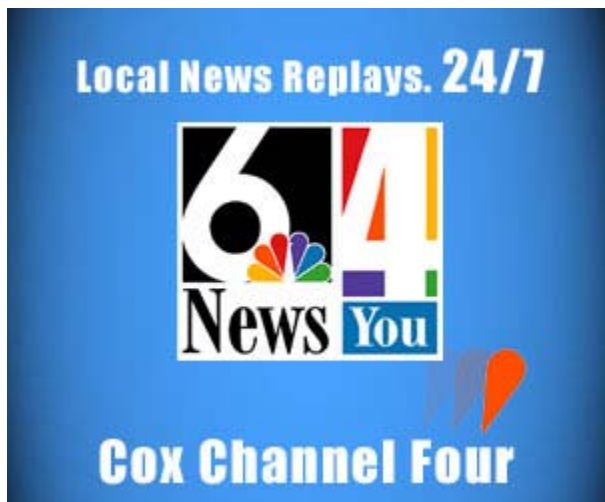
Children often require a breathing tube for months or years afterward.

Thirteen deaths have also resulted in the past 25 years.

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