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Keep Remotes Away From Toddlers During Moving al By John Stevens

The biggest danger most people associate with moving is the likelihood of a strained back or reminding us that if young children are around, it is wise to be especially careful while packing contain lithium batteries.

Lithium batteries, which look like buttons, are used to provide power for everything from televing reeting cards. It is very important to keep electronic gadgets -- especially remote controls -- a entertain children while they pack or move, they must make sure that children are not left alor remove the button battery from a television remote -- with disastrous or fatal consequences.

Teething babies and toddlers, who like to put everything they find into their mouths, and presfor candy, are most at risk. Parents and caregivers commonly believe that the biggest risk froi choke. Button cell batteries are indeed a choking hazard, but they are also much more dange esophagus can conduct electricity, allowing an electric current to flow out of the battery, burn stays in the body, the more severe the damage is likely to be. Some children require feeding 1 battery.

"It's like drain opener or lye....It's not something you want in the esophagus of your child," Dr. article about 13-month-old Aidan Truett of Hamilton, Ohio, who died last fall after swallowing a the button batteries for the journal *Pediatrics*.

The button battery that Aidan swallowed burned through his esophagus and into his heart, in after the battery was surgically removed. To this day, Aidan's parents do not know where he enever want another parent to live with," Aidan's mother, Michelle Truett, said in *The New Yor* they were."

Amy Vasquez, the mother of Kaiden Vasquez, who also was hurt by a swallowed battery, agreed disc batteries into my home....I never thought a remote would do so much damage to my child battery burned a hole in his esophagus and trachea, and he had to be fed through a tube for

Most of the time parents do not realize that a child has swallowed a battery until it shows up la already been done. A lithium battery can cause severe damage within the first two hours after after swallowing a battery, but severe injuries are becoming more common as battery technol-longer than they used to. When children do die after swallowing a battery, the battery is almost television remotes.

Manufacturers who put button batteries in toys and books for children are required to tightly s cannot remove batteries unless they happen to be very skilled with a screwdriver. But there a household items that are not meant to be handed to children, such as television remotes, wat

Although children are at risk for accidental ingestion of objects at any time, the risk is much hi distracted, such as during packing and moving. In addition, the disruption caused by packing electronic items that might ordinarily be kept out of their reach. If possible, set up a safe, child, items that are being sorted and packed out of that space. One option is to use child safety ga they block toddlers from leaving the room. Another option is to place babies and toddlers in a unsupervised for a few minutes.

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