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The parents of little Aiden Truett wants to tell the story of their tragic loss in hopes that it will help other parents avoid making the same mistake they did. Aiden was only 13 months old when he somehow got a hold of a watch battery and swallowed it.

At this age, babies put everything in their grasp into their mouths. It is a natural instinct for them as they learn things about the world around them. Immediately after birth, they stick their little hands in their mouth. The natural instinct of "feed and eat" is one of the first inclinations that newborns have. As they grow into the toddler years, this changes little.

However, they will pick up anything small enough and put it in their mouth having no idea of what danger means. Parents should make many "sweeps" throughout the child's living area per day making sure there are no small objects that they can put in their mouths. Parents need to also be very careful about dropping pills in the kitchen or bathroom floor – these can also be deadly to little small bodies. But most importantly, just make it a habit to not leave small items or medications down in their reach.

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