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13-month-old Aidan Truett swallowed watch battery
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Parents with toddlers face an uphill battle: making sure their little ones don't put anything in their mouths. Two local parents learned that lesson the hard way, after their little boy swallowed a small battery and died.

Michelle Truett told The Ohio News Network's Lot Tan, "You could just look at him and smile, and he would smile." Her 13-month-old son Aidan has just started to walk.

He was the baby in the family, the youngest of three kids, and he loved to eat.

"He loved food, so we knew something wasn't right when he didn't want to eat and couldn't hold anything down," Truett said.

That was the first sign the family said they knew something was wrong. After a second trip to the doctor's office they thought maybe Aidan had a viral infection, but that wasn't it either. Initial x-rays missed it too.

Finally, Aidan's doctors found the problem. Aidan had swallowed a battery and it was in his stomach. The discovery was made a week and a half after his symptoms had started. Following a successful surgery that removed the battery, the Truett's thought their problems were over.