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Toddler recovering from swallowing a lithium battery

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Keep batteries away from children. (Photo: Mattes/wikimedia commons)

June 10, 2010 -- According to [KOMO news](#), Kylan Carrillo is at the Seattle Children's Hospital because he swallowed one lithium battery. Three weeks ago, he was playing with his father's drawers. In the drawers were some coins and one lithium battery. He placed it in his mouth.

Shawna Carrillo, his mother, brought him to a clinic. Doctors thought he swallowed a coin but when he was operated on they discovered the battery had burned a hole in his esophagus. For now, Kylan Carrillo will be fed using a feeding tube. Fortunately, he will be returning home this week.

According to the [National Capital Poison Center](#), 3,500 people swallow lithium batteries. What do you do if your child swallows a battery?

- Call 911 or the National Battery Ingestion Hotline (202-625-3333). You can also call a poison center at 1-800-222-1222.
- If possible, get the battery identification number on the package.
- Do not force your child to vomit. Do not eat or drink until an x-ray confirms the battery is



