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# Battery ingestion hazardous for kids

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Two studies noted that there was a rise in kids swallowing batteries, both button and cylindrical. These batteries lodged in the esophagus must be removed within two hours to prevent serious injuries.

The researchers stated that manufacturers of these batteries must adhere to industry standards for making warning labels and creating child-resistant measures to secure the battery compartment on everyday household products that would cut down on battery ingestion.

Between 1985 and 2009, these was about a 6.7 fold increase in battery ingestion and 13 deaths occurred due to <u>button batteries</u> getting lodged in the airway or esophagus.

Litovitz and his team that conducted the study stated, "Parents and child care providers should be taught to prevent battery ingestions. Because 61.8 per cent of batteries that were ingested by children were obtained from products, manufacturers should redesign household products to secure the battery compartment, possibly requiring a tool to open it."

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