

# Tragedy as toddler dies after swallowing a battery which eroded into artery

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The tot was rushed to North Hampshire Hospital (Image: Google Streetview)

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A toddler has died after swallowing a battery, an inquest was told.

Francesta Asan, aged two, was taken to North Hampshire Hospital in Basingstoke by her frantic parents.

The "very sick" tot died within a couple of hours after medics had been unable to work out what was wrong with her.

It was only after exhaustive tests afterwards that the little battery was found, the [Sunday People](#) reports.

It is not known when she swallowed it.

Yesterday Hampshire Police said: “This is being treated as a non-suspicious death.”

The inquest at Basingstoke, Hants, on Friday was told Francesta Asan from Basingstoke, died from acute gastro haemorrhage as a result of a foreign body (the battery) in her oesophagus eroding into a right artery.

The hearing was adjourned until 23 August.