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## Swallowing Batteries a Growing Risk for Kids

[Jacksonville defective product injury lawyers](#) are noting that children swallowing batter problem as people increasingly are using button batteries. A *Reuters* story reports the increase in the number of children that put the tiny batteries in their mouth where they esophagus or ingested.

If the lodged batteries are not removed within two hours, they can cause tears, burning studies - published in the June issue of *Pediatrics* - come to the same conclusion – the battery swallowing are on the rise. Research suggests a 6.7 fold increase in the percentage swallowed between 1985 and 2009. That increase mirrors the increasing use of the lithium that go in remote controls, cameras, watches, children’s toys, and many household products.

So far, there have been 13 deaths from swallowing or ingesting the batteries.

The researchers suggest that manufacturers take more care by creating a childproof lid that may require a tool to open, and creating an education campaign so parents know what to do if a battery is lodged or has been swallowed. That data shows that swallowing a lithium cell battery by a child internally within two to 2.5 hours. Data from the national battery ingestion hotline shows that 62.5% of children under the age of six were involved in the majority (62.5%) of button cell battery ingestions.

Parents need to be aware of the situation. The majority of small batteries were lying around in household products. Believe it or not, some elderly individuals ingested the small items in household incidents, believing that the batteries were pills.

Health care providers may not even know what to look for, so widespread education for pediatric nurses and emergency room personnel. More than 54% of the time, cases were initial. Symptoms of battery ingesting can include vomiting, fever, lethargy, irritability, cough, and dehydration.

Please take seriously this alert about a potentially [deadly product hazard](#) that may be lurking in your home.



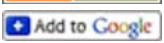
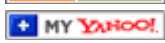








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