The biggest danger most people associate with moving is the likelihood of a strained back or reminding us that if young children are around, it is wise to be especially careful while packing contain lithium batteries.

Lithium batteries, which look like buttons, are used to provide power for everything from televisions to greeting cards. It is very important to keep electronic gadgets -- especially remote controls -- away from children while they pack or move, they must make sure that children are not left alone. Remove the button battery from a television remote -- with disastrous or fatal consequences.

Teething babies and toddlers, who like to put everything they find into their mouths, and parents who guide them to put candy, are most at risk. Parents and caregivers commonly believe that the biggest risk from button cell batteries is a choking hazard, but they are also much more dangerous. Lithium batteries can conduct electricity, allowing an electric current to flow out of the battery, burned in the body, the more severe the damage is likely to be. Some children require feeding tubes and others may never be the same.

"It's like drain opener or lye... It's not something you want in the esophagus of your child," Dr. Amy Vasquez, the mother of Kaiden Vasquez, who also was hurt by a swallowed battery, agreed. "Disc batteries into my home." I never thought a remote would do so much damage to my child battery burned a hole in his esophagus and trachea, and he had to be fed through a tube for three months. Most of the time parents do not realize that a child has swallowed a battery until it shows up later with symptoms. A lithium battery can cause severe damage within the first two hours after swallowing a battery, but severe injuries are becoming more common as battery technology improves. When children do die after swallowing a battery, the battery is almost always found in clothing, television remotes.

Manufacturers who put button batteries in toys and books for children are required to tightly seal them unless they happen to be very skilled with a screwdriver. But there are household items that are not meant to be handed to children, such as television remotes, water glasses filled with lithium batteries, and even screwdriver batteries.

Although children are at risk for accidental ingestion of objects at any time, the risk is much higher during packing and moving. In addition, the disruption caused by packing electronic items that might ordinarily be kept out of their reach. If possible, store all of the items that are being sorted and packed out of that space. One option is to use child safety gates to block toddlers from leaving the room. Another option is to place babies and toddlers in a supervised area for a few minutes.

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