

A CHRISTMAS BUTTON BATTERY SAFETY MESSAGE



What should I do if my child swallows a button battery?

If you think your child may have swallowed a button battery, seek medical advice immediately. Remember that the saliva in their body will react with the battery and so time is very much of the essence.

It is sometimes difficult to know whether a child has swallowed a button battery. Great Ormond Street Hospital has provided helpful information about the signs you can look for:

- 1. Vomiting fresh, bright red blood. If your child does that, you absolutely have to get them immediate medical help.**

Other symptoms can include:

2. Suddenly developing a cough, gag or drooling a lot
3. Appearing to have a stomach upset or a virus
4. Being sick
5. Pointing to their throat or stomach
6. Having a pain in their tummy, chest or throat
7. Being tired or lethargic
8. Being quieter or more clingy than usual or otherwise "not themselves"
9. Losing their appetite or have a reduced appetite
10. Not wanting to eat solid food/be unable to eat solid food.

For further resources videos and posters

<https://www.rosipa.com/policy/home-safety/advice/product/button-batteries>
<https://capt.org.uk/button-batteries-understanding-the-risks/>

