

**BUTTON BATTERY DANGERS
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{**ON CAM**}

THE SEASON FOR GIFTING IS UPON US – AND ONE EMERGENCY ROOM SURGEON IS WARNING PARENTS TO BEWARE OF THE HIDDEN DANGER IN CERTAIN TYPES OF TOYS.

{**TAKE VO**}

TRT: 1:33

THE PROBLEM IS BUTTON BATTERIES – THEY'RE SMALL... CIRCULAR BATTERIES... LIKE THE ONES YOU SEE HERE – THAT YOUNG CHILDREN CAN EASILY SWALLOW.

IF THE BATTERY BECOMES LODGED IN THE BODY... IT CAN START TO BURN, WHICH CAN RESULT IN A SERIOUS INJURY OR EVEN DEATH.

PEDIATRIC TRAUMA SURGEON DR. HAYDEN STAGG SAYS WHEN THEY GET THE ALERT THAT A CHILD MAY HAVE INGESTED A BUTTON BATTERY... THEY MAY ONLY HAVE MINUTES TO LOCATE THE BATTERY AND GET THE CHILD INTO SURGERY.

{**TAKE SOT**}

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TRT: 10

If you have any suspicion, really getting them to the hospital as quickly as possible to evaluate for that is important because the longer that it is in, the more damage it will cause.

{**ON CAM**}

DOCTOR STAGG SAYS IF YOU SUSPECT A CHILD HAS SWALLOWED A BUTTON BATTERY — DON'T DELAY – HEAD STRAIGHT TO AN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT.

WITH CHILDREN OVER THE AGE OF ONE – WHO CAN CONSUME HONEY – YOU CAN GIVE THEM HONEY TO TRY TO COAT THE BATTERY – AND BUY YOU EXTRA TIME TO GET THERE.