

Button Battery Awareness Day 2026



Emergency Honey Protocol for Button Battery Ingestion

⚠️ If a child has swallowed a button battery, this is a medical emergency. Rapid action is essential to prevent serious injury or death.



If Ingestion is Suspected:

- Call emergency services or go to the nearest emergency department immediately.
- Do NOT delay.
- Do NOT induce vomiting or give water.

If the Child is Over 12 Months Old and Ingestion Occurred Within 12 Hours:

- ➡️ Administer honey ****while in transit to the emergency department**** as follows:
 - Give 10 ml (approximately 2 teaspoons) of honey ****every 10 minutes****, up to 6 doses.
 - Use household honey only. Do not use if the child is allergic or under 12 months of age.
 - Continue until arrival at hospital or until 6 doses have been given.



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Why Honey?

Honey has been shown to reduce the severity of potential esophageal injury by forming a protective barrier and neutralizing the alkaline reaction from the battery. It is not a substitute for medical care but may reduce tissue damage.

⚠ This protocol is an emergency measure and does not replace professional evaluation or treatment. Immediate battery removal under medical supervision may very much still be necessary.