

## Cocos Keeling Islands

# Button batteries. A hidden danger.



Button batteries can be a deadly hazard. If swallowed, button batteries can cause internal burns, severe bleeding and even death.

Items containing button batteries include:

- toys
- TV and car key remotes
- hearing aids
- bathroom scales
- flameless candles

### Ways to keep children safe

- Don't buy products with button batteries or check the battery section is child-proof and held closed with a screw.
- Inspect toys and other items regularly to make sure the button battery compartment is still secure.
- Store batteries out of sight and reach of children.
- Dispose of batteries safely by wrapping them in sticky tape and putting them in a child resistant container, out of reach of children until you can recycle them at your nearest recycle collection point (visit [bcycle.com.au](http://bcycle.com.au)). Even old or spent button batteries can be dangerous for kids.
- Tell everyone who cares for children about the dangers of button batteries.



## What to do if a battery is swallowed

If you think your child has swallowed or inserted a battery e.g. in the nose or ear – contact the Nurse on:

**West Island** on 08 9162 6655 or  
**Home Island** on 08 9162 7609 or  
**Channel 24** on any marine radio

Find out more  
about the dangers  
of button batteries.  
Scan the QR code.



### More information:

**Consumer Protection**  
1300 30 40 54

[www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au](http://www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au)

**Product Safety Australia**  
[www.productsafety.gov.au](http://www.productsafety.gov.au)

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