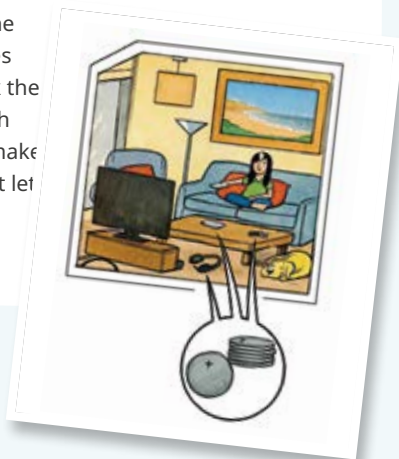


Button batteries

Particularly lithium coin cell batteries, can be deadly if a small child swallows one and it gets stuck in their windpipe. The reaction in the child's throat can kill in less than two hours. Button batteries power so many essential things in our homes like car key fobs, slim remotes, kitchen and bathroom scales, children's thermometers and more. Spare and old batteries can cause problems too.

Advice for families:

The simplest way to reduce the risk is to store button batteries out of children's reach. Check the compartment of products with lithium coin cell batteries to make sure they are secure and don't let children play with them.



The theme for Child Safety Week 1st to 7th June 2020 is Safety makes sense! Getting involved makes sense - big or small, whatever you do about child safety will help the children and families you care about. Child Safety Week downloadable resources are free and give you everything you need for your work. You can also get a free Bitrex Taste Test kit for raising awareness of dangers of poisoning. Sign up at www.capt.org.uk


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Who was lucky enough to receive a smartwatch for Christmas?

Today's best smartwatch models can perform just as many tricks as a mobile phone such as displaying notifications, fitness tracking, media management, GPS, voice recording and allow the user to answer messages by voice.

These advances in technology and the increased sophistication of mobile devices means that the smartwatch should now form part of your Use of electronic equipment, media and publicity policy and procedure. Your policies should be reviewed annually so it is worth bearing in mind that if you haven't already, you may want to adjust your Use of electronic equipment, media and publicity policy and procedure to include the wearing of and or use of a smartwatch in the setting.

Guidance for employers:

Consider: How [your] use of a smartwatch may impact on your child protection policy and procedure, privacy and confidentiality policy and staff code of conduct

Provide: Secure locker/room for staff to store valuable items when on duty

For more information on the Use of electronic equipment, media and publicity policy and procedure, or any other policies and procedures visit: <https://earlyyears.wales/product/policies-and-procedures/>



Editors Note:

Please be aware Early Years Wales are currently reviewing all policies and procedures. Last updated 2016.

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