

## Foreign Body Ingestion: Avoidable Tragedy

### THREE BIGGEST VILLAINS:



*Button Battery*



*Bucky Magnet*



*Detergent Pod*

**Button battery:** can get stuck and cause damage or a hole in the food pipe within a couple of hours requiring a big surgery

**Magnet/metal object:** can get stuck in the intestine and cause a hole that would require surgery

**Detergent pods:** can cause burns to mouth, food pipe or stomach requiring surgery. Can also lead to pneumonia

**Cleaning supplies:** can cause damage that can lead to the need for surgery and a feeding tube in the stomach

**Gardening chemicals:** fertilizer, weedicide and pesticide: can cause poisoning leading to pneumonia, paralysis, and even death

**Sharp objects:** open safety pins, nails, tooth picks can cause hole in the food pipe, stomach and intestine

### HOW TO AVOID:

**Button battery:** Keep in child proof containers. Do not buy large packs of button batteries. Do not test battery strength by putting it on tongue. All toys, hearing aids etc that contain batteries should have the screw in place or should be secured safely.

**Magnets/metal object:** ARE NOT FOR PLAYING.  
Please do not purchase or use as toys.

**Detergent pods:** Children often chew what appears like very colorful candy. The pod cover dissolves in mouth and the detergent ingested can cause serious damage. Avoid purchasing detergent pods if you have young kids at home or keep them locked up and out of reach of children. Use caution at laundromats where detergent pods may not be stored safely.

**Cleaning supplies/Gardening chemicals:** All chemicals should be kept locked up and out of reach of children.

**Sharp Objects:** Keep all sharp objects out of reach of children.

