

Cape Coral Injury Attorneys Warn Parents About Batteries Ingestion Accidents

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As [Cape Coral injury attorneys](#), we are concerned by a new report that the number of battery-related emergency department (ED) visits for children nearly doubled between 1990 and 2009. The study, published in the journal *Pediatrics*, calls for added preventive efforts by caregivers and improved childproof designs by manufacturers.

As reported by [Medscape](#), children under age five were at greatest risk for injury. In addition, accidents often involved the small, coin-like batteries that power toys, games, and watches and for younger children.

Below are a few other noteworthy findings that parents and caregivers should consider:

- The researchers estimate that 65,788 children younger than 18 years visited EDs for battery-related incidents during the study period. That averages to 3289 visits per year, or 1 visit approximately every 3 hours. Almost 80% of the patients were 5 years old or younger. One-year-old children accounted for 20.9% of all visits, which was the largest proportion for any single age.
- Overall, the rate of visits increased from 4 per 100,000 children in 1990 to 7.4 per 100,000 in 2009. For children aged 5 years and younger, however, the rate was almost twice as high and increased from 10 per 100,000 in 1990 to 19.1 per 100,000 in 2009
- The number of visits associated with coin-like “button” batteries more than doubled from 1301 in 1990 to 2785 in 2009. These batteries were implicated in >80% of all ED visits for which battery type was specified. Cylindrical batteries were involved in 16.2% of the visits.
- Most visits (76.6%) resulted from children ingesting batteries; nasal cavity insertion accounted for 10.2% of the visits, mouth exposure for 7.5%, and ear canal insertion for 5.7%.

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