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New article highlights child safety risks from batteries found in fidget spinner toys

The British and Irish Portable Battery Association (BIPBA) and the Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT) have published [a joint article](#) to highlight the risks of children swallowing button batteries found in fidget spinner toys, the latest playground craze.

As part of their joint awareness and information campaign on button cell safety, BIPBA and CAPT are advising professionals working with children and families on how to handle button batteries safely.

Fidget spinners are popular toys among children of all ages. However, doctors have raised concerns about fidget spinner toys with LED lights that are powered by small 'button' batteries, where the battery is easily accessible to children. If swallowed, those batteries may cause serious injuries.

The joint article outlines concerns about cheap light-up toys bought online or from markets, discount stores or pop-up shops that may not comply with the necessary safety regulations. CAPT advise parents to check that their children's toys are safe and to buy from reputable traders. Toy safety regulations specify that a battery compartment should be safely secured with a small screw, or need two independent or simultaneous movements to open the battery compartment.

The article can be viewed on CAPT's website [here](#).

Safety advice

For advice on button battery safety, visit [CAPT's updated online advice](#) or www.buttonbatterysafety.com.