

ACCC Product Safety Bulletin Button Battery Mandatory Standards

New safety and information standards for button/coin batteries and consumer goods containing them become MANDATORY on 22 June 2022.

All parties in the supply chain **must** comply with these new standards.

The ACCC will conduct surveillance of promotional products and **enforce compliance** with the standards from June 2022.

Key requirements

- Products must have secure battery compartments that are resistant to being opened by young children
- Products must be secure and not release the batteries during reasonably foreseeable use/misuse conditions
- 3. Compliance testing must demonstrate that safety requirements have been met
- 4. Safety warnings are required on packaging

Example of a suitable packaging warning for a product containing a lithium button/coin battery

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WARNING

THIS PRODUCT CONTAINS A BUTTON BATTERY

If swallowed, a lithium button battery can cause severe or fatal injuries within 2 hours.

Keep batteries out of reach of children.

If you think batteries may have been swallowed or placed inside any part of the body, seek immediate medical attention.

*See the <u>mandatory standards</u> for the full compliance requirements



Checklist - Before you place an order

All levels of the supply chain are legally responsible for product safety.

When sourcing products, you should ask:

- ✓ if the products meet all of the requirements in the button battery standards
- ✓ if the factory from which your products are sourced has been audited regularly to ensure that proper controls are in place
- ✓ for compliance test reports from the manufacturer/wholesaler, or commission your own tests (where possible) to be performed by a suitably accredited laboratory
- ✓ for a pre-shipment inspection to be performed before the products are released for shipment

See <u>Responsible sourcing of products</u> for more details.

More Information

Visit the <u>Product Safety Australia website</u> for more information on:

- Button battery hazards
- How to conduct a recall

Still have questions? Contact the ACCC here