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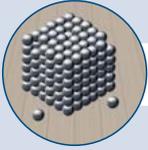
# Strong, small magnets can hurt or kill your child

If your child swallows magnets, they can be forced together in the intestines or bowels. This squeezes the tissue and cuts off blood supply, which can quickly cause harm and kill.

**Store magnets out of a child's reach**

## Check your home for magnets

You can find them in:



**adult desk toys**



**magnetic construction sets**



**drink charms for glasses**



**fake piercings**



## Protect your child by:

- ✓ moving items with loose magnets somewhere high up or locked
- ✓ safely binning any broken toys that contain small magnets
- ✓ not attaching magnets to drink glasses
- ✓ talking to your children about the dangers of using magnetic products as fake piercings (putting magnets on their tongue, mouth or nose means they may inhale or swallow them)
- ✓ reporting any product that you think is unsafe to Citizens Advice in England and Wales, Advice Direct Scotland or your local district council in Northern Ireland.

## Act fast

If you think your child has swallowed magnets, **take them straight to A&E**. Symptoms may not be obvious.

Your child may:

- have stomach pain
- vomit
- have a fever
- point to their throat or stomach

