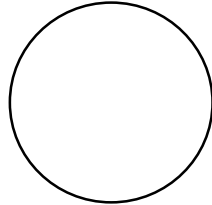


Swallowed foreign objects



Children sometimes accidentally swallow different items. Items that are smaller than a 2 crown piece (smaller than 2cm i diameter), or 3-5cm long will come out the 'normal' way within about a week.

It is not dangerous and doesn't need any treatment. There is no point in looking through their poo to find the item. Previous studies have shown that swallowed items were not still inside, even when they hadn't been found to have passed through.

It is important to make sure that your child can eat and drink normally after swallowing a foreign object.

If your child has swallowed a battery, a magnet or has stomach pain up to a week after swallowing a foreign object, they should see a doctor.

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