

CHILD DEATH TEAM NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2026



Child Safety Week 2026

Child Safety Week is the Child Accident Prevention Trust's annual education campaign.

This year the week is 1st–7th June.

The campaign has the aim of supporting families to build confidence and manage risks to keep children safe from harm.

National Child Mortality Database

The National Child Mortality Database (NMCD) have published a number of reports, videos and safety notices over recent years. These have included topics such as water safety, open windows, blind cords, cleaning product safety and a report reviewing the deaths of children and young people due to traumatic incidents. You can find further information on their webpage – link on the next page. The link to the report is below.

Shropshire Telford and Wrekin

In Shropshire Telford and Wrekin between 2021 and 2026 12 children died to due traumatic incidents. The children were aged between 9 and 17 years old. Causes of death were due to drowning, foreign body ingestion and road traffic collisions.

In Shropshire Telford and Wrekin work continues to reduce deaths from accidents/traumatic incidents within our region including:

- Crucial Crew campaign
- Parenting Together Courses
- Baby First Aid and Accident Prevention

Link to NCMD report:

[Deaths of children and young people due to traumatic incidents](#)

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NCMD
National Child Mortality Database

Knowledge, understanding and
learning to improve young lives

The National Child Mortality Database (NCMD) collect information on all children who die in England with the aim of improving and saving children's lives in the future.

Link to safety videos:

[Reducing the risk of child death: Key messages for parents](#)

Link to safety notices:

[Safety notices – National Child Mortality Database](#)



**"You Can't Pour
from an Empty Cup"**

Support for professionals affected by
sudden death in young people

2wish is a charity who work directly with professionals who may be affected by the death of a child or young person.

They offer support such as counselling and complementary therapies. Please see the link at the bottom of the page for further information.

WEBPAGE

Shropshire Telford and Wrekin Child Death Service now have a new webpage where you can find links to information and resources:

[Child Death Overview Panel – NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin](#)

NCMD Link:

[NCMD | The National Child Mortality Database](#)

2wish Link:

[A Full Cup Starts With You – 2 Wish](#)

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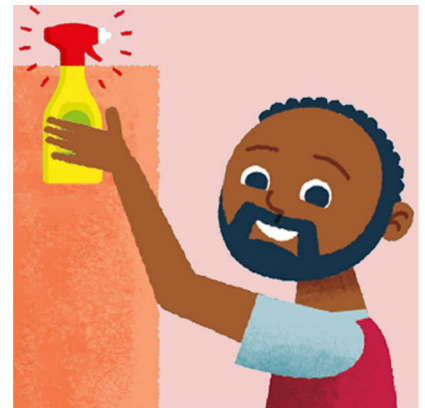
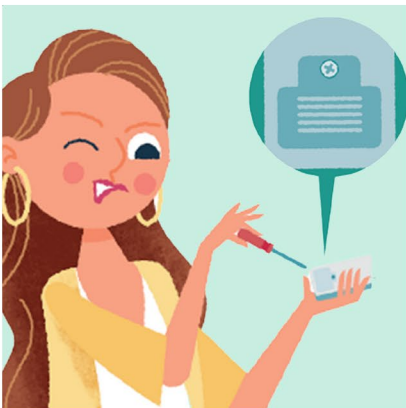


Child Safety Week

**1st to 7th
June 2026**



**Making
prevention
possible**



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**Child safety
alerts and top
tips for parents
and carers**



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Button batteries – where are yours?

Button batteries can badly hurt or kill a small child. If they swallow one and it gets stuck, it can burn a hole through their food pipe.

Know where yours are, so you can keep your child safe.

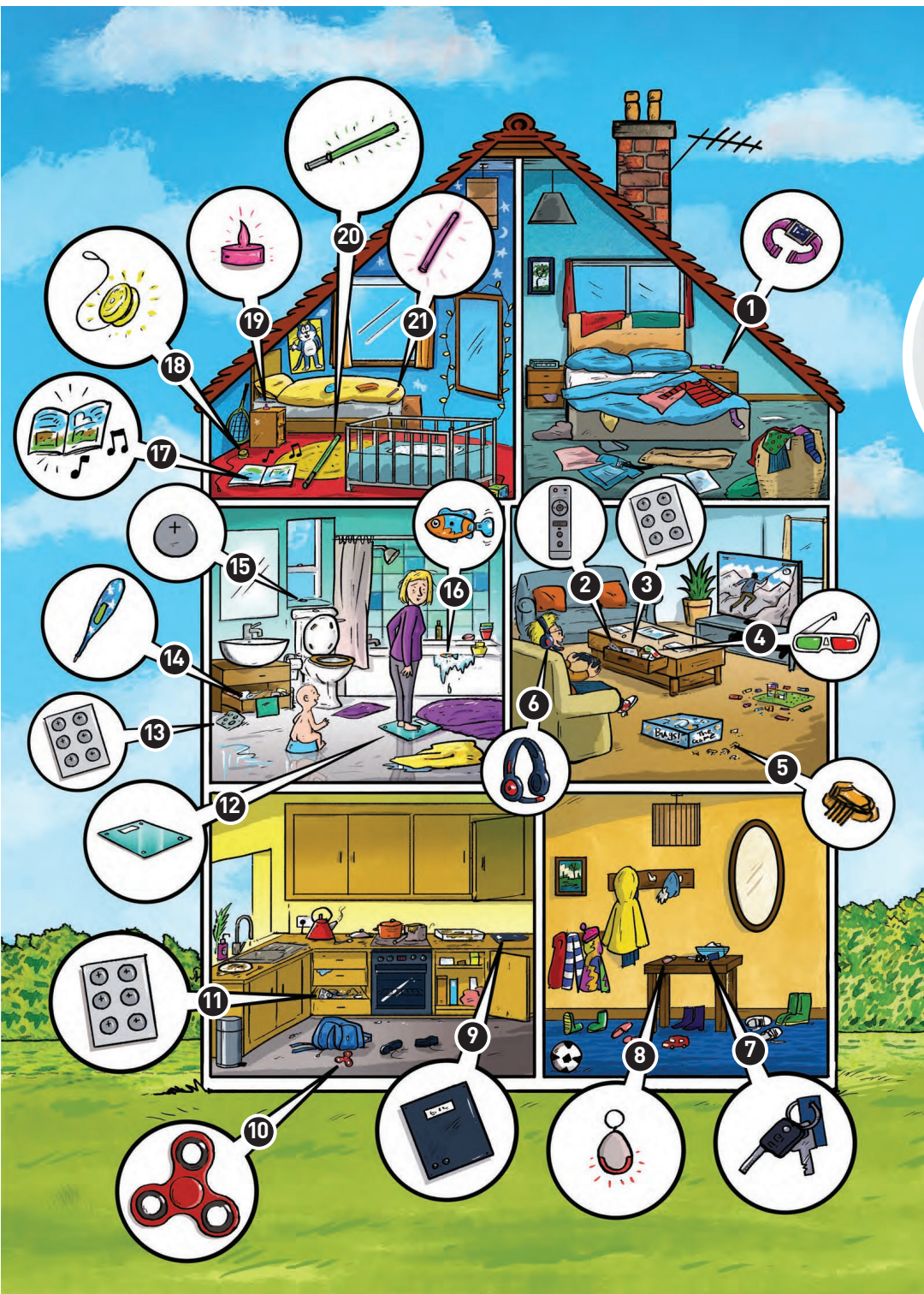


Five top tips

- Look around your home for button batteries. Think toys, lights, remote controls and more.
- Check for products with loose backs and button batteries that have dropped out.
- Store button batteries in a safe place, up high and out of your child's reach.
- Dispose of used button batteries as soon as you can. They are still unsafe.
- Act if you think your child may have swallowed a button battery, go straight to A&E or call an ambulance.

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Fitness tracker | 12. Bathroom scales |
| 2. Remote control | 13. Spare batteries |
| 3. Spare batteries | 14. Thermometer |
| 4. 3D glasses | 15. Flat battery |
| 5. Robot bug toy | 16. Robo fish |
| 6. Gaming headset | 17. Musical greeting card |
| 7. Car key | 18. Light-up yo-yo |
| 8. Key finder | 19. Tea light |
| 9. Kitchen scales | 20. Light saber |
| 10. Light up fidget spinner | 21. Flashing wand |
| 11. Spare batteries | |

For more help



Button batteries can badly hurt or kill a small child if they swallow one



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around your home for button batteries. Think toys, lights, remote controls and more.



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Act

If you think your child may have swallowed a button battery, go straight to A&E or call an ambulance.



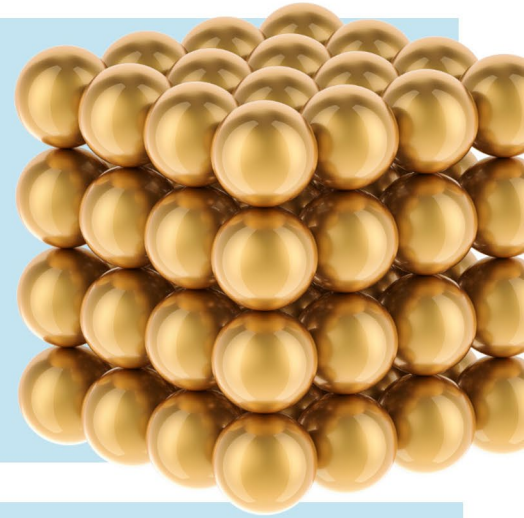
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Magnets can rip holes in your child's gut

Magnets can be great fun. But it's really dangerous if a child swallows them.



They can attract to each other inside the body, cut off the blood supply and tear holes in the gut.

A child may need major surgery to remove them. So, keep them away from young children. And teach older children the risks.



If you suspect a child has swallowed magnets, get medical help straight away.

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Chemicals in cleaning products can cause serious harm



Keep cleaning products out of reach



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Trigger times

Teach your child to leave your dog alone when they are:

-  Sleeping – no-one likes to be woken up suddenly.
-  Eating or having a treat – they might think you're going to take their food.
-  Have a toy or something else they really like – they might not want to share!



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When you cross the road remember:



THINK

Find the safest place to cross. Where possible, use a pedestrian crossing.

STOP

Stand on the pavement near the kerb and make sure that you can see the traffic.

LOOK AND LISTEN

Look all around you for traffic and be sure to listen carefully for things you can't see.

WAIT

Wait until it's safe to cross. If traffic is coming, let it pass. If you're not sure, don't cross.

LOOK AND LISTEN AGAIN

When it is safe, walk straight across the road. Don't run. Keep looking and listening.



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Blind cords can strangle small children



Fit a cleat hook or tensioner to keep them safely out of reach



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Keep water beads away from young children

Children love water beads. But it's really dangerous if a young child swallows them.



They expand in the belly and can block the bowel. Some grow as big as golf balls.

A child may need major surgery to remove them. So please keep them away from young children.



If you suspect a child has swallowed a water bead, get medical help straight away.

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**30 children
go to hospital
with a hot
drink burn
every day**



**Please
keep hot
drinks
out of
reach**



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What do sausages and grapes have in common?





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Baby bath seats are not safety devices

Drowning is quick and quiet

**Don't leave your baby alone in one
- even for a moment**



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Safe baby bath time

Babies and young children can drown in very little water with no sound to warn you it's happening



Get everything ready before you start



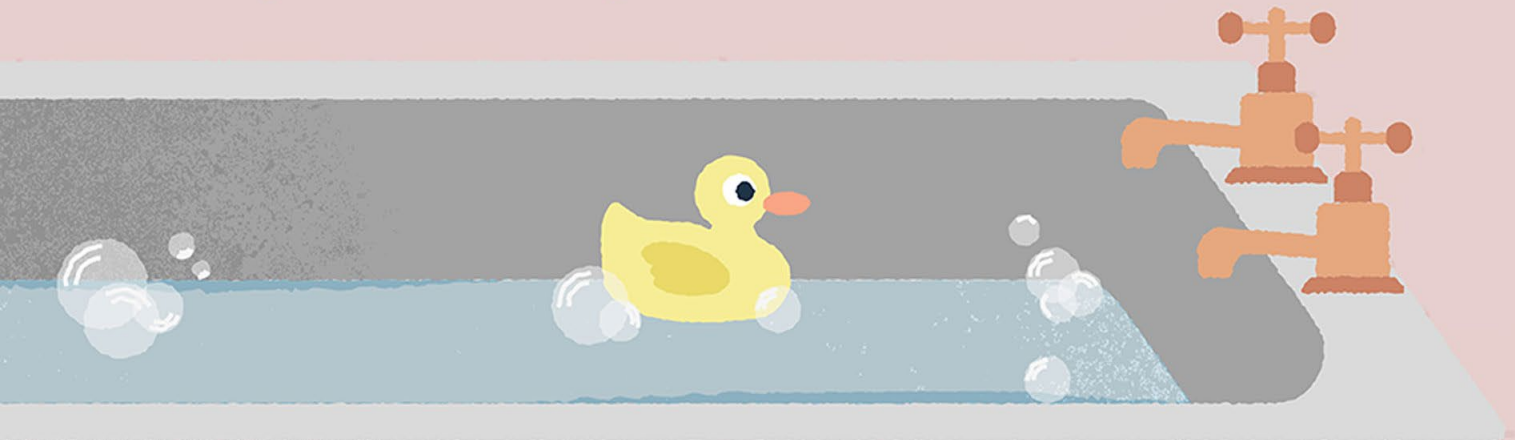
Keep small children within arm's reach to keep them safe from drowning



Remember, bath seats aren't safety devices. Babies can slip out or it can tip over



If you need to leave the bathroom take your child with you



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Nappy sacks warning!



Young babies under six months naturally grasp things and pull them to their mouths, but then find it difficult to let go.



As nappy sacks are very thin, they can cling to a baby's face as they breathe in and result in suffocation or choking.



Keep nappy sacks well out of reach of children and never put them in a buggy or cot.



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Open windows warning



Keep low furniture away from open windows so that children can't climb up and fall out



Install window catches (to limit how far they can open) and locks if you can



If you opt for a lock keep the keys somewhere you can find them in case of emergencies



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