



## CPSC approved mandatory standard for button cell and coin battery

On September 11, 2023, The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) voted to approve a mandatory standard to reduce button cell and coin battery ingestion hazards to children six years and younger.

The recent rulemaking is the result of the Reese's Law, in memory of Reese Hamsmith, an 18-month-old baby girl from Texas, who died due to ingesting a button battery in a remote control. Pursuant to Reese's Law, CPSC voted to adopt the voluntary standard, ANSI/UL 4200A-2023 Standard for Safety for Products Incorporating Button Batteries or Coin Cell Batteries, as the mandatory consumer product safety rule for consumer products containing button cell or coin batteries.

The voluntary standard ANSI/UL 4200A-2023 is consistent with the Reese Act and requires the following:

- **Child-Resistant Compartments:** Consumer products covered by the standard must have child-resistant battery compartments. This can be achieved by requiring the use of a tool like a screwdriver or coin to open the battery compartment or by using at least two independent and simultaneous movements to open it by hand. This provision aims to prevent easy access to the batteries by young children.
- **Packaging Requirements:** Any button cell or coin battery offered for sale, manufactured for sale, imported into the U.S., or included separately with a consumer product must meet the child-resistant packaging requirements in the Poison Prevention Packaging Standards after February 12, 2023. These packaging requirements do not apply to button cell or coin batteries manufactured or imported on or before February 12, 2023.
- **Performance Testing:** Consumer products subject to the standard must pass a series of performance tests that simulate reasonably foreseeable use or misuse.
- **Labeling Requirements:** The mandatory standard includes specific labeling requirements for button cell or coin battery packaging and consumer products containing these batteries, which are designed to warn consumers of the ingestion hazard to children.

The mandatory consumer product safety rule comes into effect 180 days after it is published.

Original link: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Button-Cell-or-Coin-Battery-Mandatory-Safety-Standard>

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