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US Senate Passes **Reese's Law** to Regulate Button Batteries

Button and coin batteries pose a dangerous risk to young children and infants, but products with these batteries lack proper safety standards. Swallowing button batteries can lead to chemical burns, perforation of soft tissue, and death.

In January 2022, we had [announced](#) the US Senate introduced Bill S.3278, also known as **Reese's Law**, to protect children and other consumers against hazards posed by accidental ingestion of button cell or coin batteries.

On 2nd August 2022, the Senate passed this [bill](#), now known as H.R.5313, without amendment by unanimous consent and sent to the House of Congress and on 16th August 2022, President Joe Biden officially signed this bill and passed it into law, hence will direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission to create safety standards that prevent accidental ingestion of button batteries by children ages six and younger.

Reese's Law will require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to:

- Create performance standards requiring the compartments of a consumer product containing button cell or coin batteries to be secured to prevent access by children who are six years of age or younger
- Require warning labels in literature accompanying the product, on the packaging, and directly on the product when practical so it is visible
- Require warning labels to clearly identify the hazard of ingestion
- Require warning labels that instruct consumers to keep new and used batteries out of the reach of children, and to seek immediate medical attention if a battery is ingested
- Statement required: **"CHILD-RESISTANT PACKAGING FOR BUTTON CELL OR COIN BATTERIES"** in accordance with the standards provided in section 1700.15 (Poison prevention packaging standards)



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