



Office for Product
Safety & Standards



If you think your child has swallowed a magnet

Take them straight to the nearest A&E or call 999 for an ambulance.

If a child swallows magnets, they can be forced together in the intestines or bowels, squeezing the tissue so that the blood supply is cut off. Ingesting magnets can cause significant internal damage within hours and be life-threatening.

Symptoms may not be obvious.

Your child might:

- have stomach pain
- be vomiting
- have a fever
- be pointing to their throat or stomach