



Water Beads

Can Be Deadly if Swallowed

Water beads look harmless – almost like candy – but can be deadly to babies and small children if ingested; and can lead to internal injuries and even death if left undetected.

Safety Tips:

- The only way to mitigate the hazard associated with water beads is to remove them from any environment where small children (3 years old and younger) may live or visit.
- Do not allow children to play with water beads unsupervised.
- Water beads can easily scatter, roll, and become lost in the home and can be ingested in the dehydrated state.
- Store water beads in a secure container and location where **young** children cannot easily access them.

In Case of Emergency:

- **Call National Poison Help Line at 800-222-1222**, 24 hours a day.
- Report any dangerous product or a product-related injury & experiences with water beads on **SaferProducts.gov**.

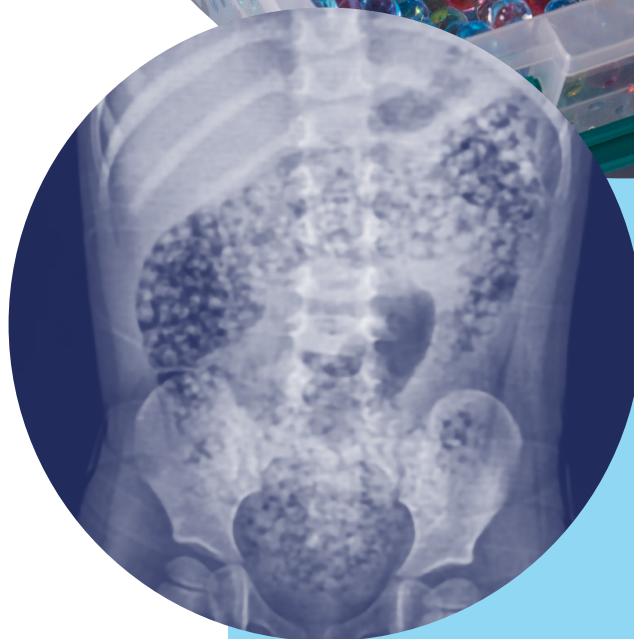


Image of water beads in a child's intestines

Water beads can grow 100X their original size when exposed to water.



For more information, visit CPSC's Water Beads Safety Education Page:

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