



SAFETY WARNING NOTICE

Australian Consumer Law (SA), section 129(1)(a) and (b)

Pursuant to section 129(1)(a) and (b) of Schedule 2 of the *Australian Consumer Law (SA)*, I, Andrea Michaels, Minister for Consumer and Business Affairs, publish this safety warning notice.

This safety warning notice relates to potentially unsafe light-up rings containing button batteries, which appear to have been offered to individuals who were trick or treating in the week leading up to and on the evening of 31 October 2023.

These goods are under investigation to determine whether they will or may cause injury to any person; or by a reasonably foreseeable use (including a misuse) will or may cause injury to any person.

Consumers should be on the lookout for similar novelty toys marketed for the upcoming festive season.

Possible Risks

The light-up rings are powered by button batteries that appear to be not secure and may be easily dislodged.

The light-up rings appear to be available to purchase on some online marketplaces.

Button batteries pose a serious hazard to children. If swallowed, in addition to presenting a choking hazard, a button battery can get stuck in a child's throat and cause a chemical reaction that burns through tissue causing catastrophic bleeding.

Consumer and Business Services (CBS) is investigating whether the light-up rings adhere to the *Consumer Goods (Products Containing Button/Coin Batteries) Safety Standard 2020* and the *Consumer Goods (Products Containing Button/Coin Batteries) Information Standard 2020* (the Standards). In accordance with these Standards, all consumer goods that contain a button/coin battery must be secure and must not release the batteries during reasonably foreseeable use or misuse of the product.

**What consumers should do**

Parents are encouraged to check any toys their children received while trick or treating. Advice about the safe disposal of button batteries is available at <https://www.productsafety.gov.au/products/electronics-technology/button-batteries>.

Anyone with concerns about the safety of products should contact CBS on 131 882, while parents who suspect their child may have swallowed a button battery should contact the Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26. If a child is having difficulty breathing, contact 000 immediately.

Date this 1st day of November 2023

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Michael'.

ANDREA MICHAELS MP

Minister for Consumer and Business Affairs