

National Poisons Information Service

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Magnetic Putty

What are they?

Magnetic putty toys generally include a small cube magnet and a putty substance, sometimes alongside other objects such as stick-on eyes. One brand of magnetic putty toy in the UK has been found to contain high levels of arsenic and lead in the putty, both of which are potentially toxic. The magnetic cube in this brand is also stronger than is considered acceptable for children. Magnets of this strength present a potential hazard if swallowed with another magnet or metal object as these can stick together in the gut, causing blockage or damage. For more information about the magnetic putty brand about which concerns have been raised, please follow this [link](#).

If you are treating a patient who you suspect has been exposed to this product, please [contact us](#) if you require specialist advice.