



Foreign Body Swallowed

- An X-ray may not have been needed to decide on treatment. Not all objects show up on X-ray and most pass without problems.
- Continue with normal diet unless advised otherwise.
- **Do not** give laxatives.
- It is not necessary to examine all bowel motions carefully, unless you have been told to do so by the ED doctor.

Note The foreign body is usually passed from one to three days after swallowing it, and it is often missed, even when bowel motions are carefully searched.

- Contact the Emergency Department if pain or vomiting develops.



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FURTHER ADVICE AND INSTRUCTIONS

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Please retain this leaflet for future reference.



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For further advice or information you can telephone your local Minor Injury Unit (MIU):

Chippenham Community Hospital

Rowden Hill

Chippenham

SN15 2AJ

Tel: 01249 456 403/4

Open: 07:00 to 23:00; seven days a week

Trowbridge Community Hospital

Adcroft Street

Trowbridge

BA14 8PH

Tel: 01225 711 329

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