

# Taking care of your hearing aids

Taking good care of your hearing aids can help extend their life and ensure they continue to perform well. Here are some useful tips.

## Cleaning

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- Clean your hearing aids every day. Use a soft cloth, tissue or special hearing aid brush to wipe the outside. Never use alcohol or cleansers. They harm the internal components and circuitry.
- Use a dehumidifier kit regularly to prevent moisture from entering the hearing aids and damaging the components. You may be able to purchase one from your hearing healthcare professional.
- Use a wax loop or brush to remove ear wax and other debris. Never use a straight pin or other sharp object to clean wax from your hearing aids.
- Replace behind-the-ear earmolds when they become dry, cracked, stiff or discolored.

## Storing

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- Store hearing aids in a cool, dry place.
- Open the battery doors when they're not in use.
- Protect your hearing aids from excessive heat (hair dryer, vehicle glove compartment or dashboard).

## Care

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- Do not get hearing aids wet. Remove hearing aids when swimming, showering, perspiring, etc.
- Apply hair care products before putting on your hearing aids.
- Take your hearing aids to your hearing healthcare professional for regular servicing and performance checks.
- Avoid dropping or banging your hearing aids on hard surfaces.

## Batteries

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- Store batteries in a dry, safe location away from children and pets.
- Replace dead batteries immediately.
- Always recycle or discard batteries carefully.