

# Hearing Aid Care & Maintenance

**Hearing aids are delicate devices that need to be handled carefully.**

## Hearing Aid Care

1. Keep your hearing aid in a cool dry place when not in use.
2. Do not expose your hearing aid to high temperatures. This means, do not put it near a heater or hair dryer or leave it standing in the sun. Never leave a hearing aid in the glove box of your car.
3. Never get your hearing aid wet. This means you must remove it before taking a bath or shower. (If it does get wet, contact your audiologist).
4. Remove your hearing aid before using perfume or hairspray.

## Hearing Aid Maintenance

*In order to keep your hearing aid in the best working order for as long as possible it is important to follow a regular maintenance plan.*

1. Every night after you remove your hearing aid, check it for wax. Any wax needs to be removed with the special wax tool that came with your hearing aid, or wiped away with a tissue. Be careful when cleaning your hearing aid not to push any tool in too far. If at any time you are unsure consult your audiologist. Never immerse your hearing aid in water or in any other liquid.
2. Each night, take the battery out of your hearing aid and place the aid, mould and all (for Behind-The-Ear aids), into the dehumidifier jar. This will help to remove moisture, which builds up while the aid is in your ear, prolonging the life of the aid.
3. If your hearing aid is to be left for a period of time, always remove the battery.
4. Approximately every 12 months take your hearing aid to your audiologist for a check. This can help to prevent costly problems down the track.