

Safe Practice With Batteries

Due to recent safety concerns, and risk of harm to babies, children and vulnerable adults and pets from coin/button batteries in hearing aids and other hearing devices:

Remember to keep your hearing aid batteries out of sight and out of reach of children and pets to prevent them being swallowed. This could be in a raised cabinet, or a cupboard locked with a key or child-locking mechanism. If you drop a battery then pick it up straight away. It's important to consider that curious pets such as dogs have also been known to swallow hearing aid batteries. If your child has swallowed a hearing aid battery, seek immediate medical attention.

If your pet has swallowed a hearing aid battery it's advised that you seek veterinary attention as soon as possible. When changing out hearing aid batteries avoid placing the battery in your mouth or holding it between your lips. This can contaminate the battery, or more seriously lead to accidental ingestion. When the batteries run out, keep them somewhere secure and safe until such a time that you can take them to a place for safe disposal via recycling.

How should I store my batteries?

- Store your hearing aid batteries at room temperature
- Avoid storage in hot places as this shortens the life span
- Batteries should not be stored in the refrigerator
- Batteries should be stored in supplied dial packs and not carried loose in your pocket as metal objects can cause a battery to short out, leak or rupture

What is the shelf life of my batteries?

The standard shelf life of a battery is 4 years from date of manufacture.

How often should I change my battery?

Once you become familiar with your hearing aid and batteries, you can determine which system works best for you. Always carry spare batteries with you at all times.

Further Sources of Information

How can I recycle my old batteries? Under the European Battery Directive all batteries must be recycled, there are multiple facilities set up in your local retail outlets, offices, civic buildings,