



Battery Safety information

Hearing aid batteries can be **very** dangerous and cause serious injury if they are swallowed or inserted into the nose or ears. Such incidences should be treated as a medical emergency and immediate help should be sought.

What to do if a battery has been ingested?

- Seek immediate medical attention at your local Accident & Emergency Department
- Do **NOT** eat or drink until an x-ray has determined if a battery is present
- Do **NOT** induce vomiting
- **DO** take the battery packaging if possible to help the hospital staff identify the battery type

How to safely store your batteries:

- Ensure batteries are kept out of sight and out of reach of young children and vulnerable adults
- When opening a new battery be careful not to drop any on the ground
- Store new/spare batteries in a sealed container
- When not using a hearing aid keep it out of sight/reach from children and vulnerable adults

How to safely dispose of your batteries:

- When batteries are no longer working remove them immediately and dispose of them
- Local councils or supermarkets often offer battery recycling schemes or they can be returned to the Audiology Department
- Where you are unable to recycle batteries, they should be disposed of in normal household waste