



Beware! Dogs do eat Hearing Aids



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Most of us have dogs or cats that are truly a part of our family. Sometimes, however, our smallest family members can create our biggest problems.

Yes! Dogs, and sometimes even cats, will chew your hearing aids beyond repair. We have a small bag of pieces of hearing aids as



testament to their "bad dog" habits. Dogs smell your scent on the hearing aids, which draws them in, and they just can't resist turning your expensive hearing aids into a chew toy.

How do you avoid this situation, along with the many other ways a hearing aid can be lost or damaged beyond repair? Here are a couple suggestions:

1. If you are not wearing your hearing aids while you're at home, putting them in in a "high" place doesn't always work. One patient put her hearing aids in a fruit bowl on her kitchen table and her dog was able to get them down and have them for a snack.



2. It is a great idea to carry a soft case with you when you are away from or outside your home. If you need to remove your aids, put them in that case. This is a lot safer than loose in a shirt pocket or purse. Another patient put his hearing aids in his shirt pocket while changing the oil in his truck. When he finished changing the oil, he moved his truck out of the driveway and into its normal parking space. Sometime later he missed his hearing aids and began searching for them. Sure enough, they had fallen out of his pocket in the driveway where he had changed the oil in his truck. Unfortunately, when he backed his truck out, he backed over his hearing aids.



3. Most of the major brands offer a device that will instantly transmit the signal from your cell phone or landline to your hearing aids, leaving no need to remove the hearing aids. One patient, while answering his cell phone in his vehicle, removed his hearing aid and placed it on the seat between his legs. He finished his call and shortly afterwards pulled into a gas station, got out of his vehicle and filled his tank, got back in his vehicle and drove away.



About an hour down the road, he remembered he had taken out his hearing aid. He pulled over and looked everywhere in his vehicle. Then he remembered what he had done with it and retraced his steps. Of course, the hearing aid was nowhere to be found at the gas station either.

There is no sure fire way to protect your hearing aids; accidents do happen. Because of that, hearing aid manufacturers cover their hearing aids for loss and damage for one to two years, depending on the model of aid.

The Hearing Place is now able to offer insurance that will cover your hearing aids after the manufacturer's warranty has expired. For an annual fee, you can insure your hearing aid either for loss & irreparable damage, for normal repairs only, or for both. We will let you know when that warranty is about to expire. So if you receive a letter in the mail with a big yellow sticky note like the one below please don't throw it away!



If you think your warranty has expired and you haven't received a letter, give us a call.