

Amplification Device Tips for Children with Hearing Differences

Caring for your child's amplification devices helps them stay connected and ready to learn each day. Whether it's you, a babysitter, daycare staff or any caregiver, having a small supply or "gear" bag available makes it easier to keep devices working at all times. Here are helpful tips for caring for devices and things to watch for that may signal a problem.

Key Topics to Review with Babysitters and Caregivers :

- What to do if the device stops working?
- What are safety concerns? (playing in the street, walking, parking lots, etc.)
- What is needed if you leave home?
- What do you do at nap time or when playing in the water or bath?
- Do they know how to help with the device if you are not around?



Do's

- Have a designated spot for the device and supplies.
- Know what the lights on the device mean.
- Know if the device uses rechargeable or disposable batteries and how to change them.
- Know how to turn the device on and off.
- Know how to use retention gear to avoid losing the device.
- Have a daily hearing device checklist.
- Know how to change settings around lots of background noise (ex. wind, restaurant, etc.).



Don'ts

- Don't let your child have access to batteries in case they get swallowed until they are older.
- Don't let your pets get near devices or chew on earmolds.
- Don't let the device make screeching sounds, know how to troubleshoot.
- Don't let the device near water unless it is designed to be in water or using water safe gear.
- Don't let the device get sand or dirt inside.
- Don't stress, things will come more naturally as you get used to taking care of the device.



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Here are helpful websites with information about how to care for an amplification device when caring for a child with hearing differences.

Cochlear Implants

Explaining Cochlear Implants Video

https://youtube.com/shorts/b_kzOymSEek?si=J3by3R1EflHsm2vQ



Changing Cochlear Implant Batteries

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/4x03JjE0chU>



Swimming with Cochlear Implants

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/v3l1TdcMiZ4>



Hearing Aids

How to Insert a Hearing Aid

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7u-zt6yOP8Y>



Changing Hearing Aid Batteries

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mymr5pcl5L8>



Cleaning a Hearing Aid

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dw6OlnGsrGc>



Bone Anchored Hearing Aid (BAHA)

Changing BAHA Batteries

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/MXqEsOoyM3Q>



Quick Tips for BAHA

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wzGgJ5lfxeA>



BAHA Training Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=frSw9nHRU1Q&t=48s>



Daily Hearing Aid Checklist - Can be modified for any device!

<https://www.hearingfirst.org/m/resources/9808>

