

Cleaning earmoulds

Earmoulds need cleaning every day. A blocked earmould will stop sounds going from the hearing aid into the ear.

Wax will go in the earmould tubing from time to time. This is normal.

After a while, the earmould may go yellow. This is also normal.

Every day:

- clean the earmould all over. Use an anti-bacterial wipe or tissue
- use a different wipe for each earmould
- check there is no wax blocking the tubing
- check the earmould and tubing are not cracked or broken
- wash your hands



If the tubing is full of wax:

- clean the wax out with a paperclip or special wax tool
- be careful not to make a hole in the tubing
- clean the earmould again with a wipe
- wash your hands



If the earmould smells nasty, there might be an ear infection. Leave the earmould out and talk to your doctor.

If there is stubborn wax:

- clean one hearing aid at a time
- take the hearing aid off the earmould
- put the hearing aid somewhere safe away from water
- soak the hearing aid and tubing in warm soapy water. Use normal family soap or shampoo
- leave it until the wax is loose
- dry the earmould with a wipe or tissue
- shake the water out of the tubing or blow it out using a puffer
- if possible, leave it to dry overnight in a warm place
- join the earmould back to the hearing aid
- make sure the left hearing aid is on left earmould. The left hearing aid will have a blue dot on it.
- make sure the right hearing aid is on the right earmould. The right hearing aid will have a red dot on it.
- wash your hands

Do not connect a wet earmould to a hearing aid. The water will go into the hearing aid and stop it working.

Quick guide:



1. Take the earmould off the hearing aid



2. Soak earmould in soapy water



3. Dry the earmould on a tissue



4. Blow out water using a puffer

5. Wash your hands.

If you would like any help or more information, please speak to your Teacher of the Deaf.