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***Q: Will heat and moisture affect the performance of my hearing aids?***

**A:** Most hearing aid users become sadly aware of the consequences of ear wax embedded in a hearing aid. However, moisture can be a difficulty in hearing aids as well. Moisture and electronics do not mix. When you are out in your garden, on the golf course or just out in the sun, perspiration may get into your hearing aids. Custom in-the-ear hearing aids are prone to the collection of moisture due to the fact that they are embedded in the ear canal. Moisture in the tubing of a behind-the-ear hearing aid will block the sound travel.

In order to deal with moisture in your hearing aids a dri-aid kit can be very effective. This can help keep your hearing aids operating at peak efficiency. Dri-aid kits utilize silica gel crystals that can be reactivated many times and are designed to draw moisture from the hearing aids.

Other products and accessories available to help maintain hearing aid function and comfort are ear lotions to prevent dry, itchy ears, hearing aid sanitizers, ear blowers, and battery testers. The HearSay Speech & Hearing Centre carries a variety of hearing aid accessories. Feel free to call or stop into the clinic to enquire about the wide variety of accessories that are available.