

## Important safety information

### **Please read the information on the following pages before using your hearing aid.**

A hearing aid will not restore normal hearing and will not prevent or improve a hearing impairment resulting from organic conditions. Infrequent use of a hearing aid does not permit a user to attain full benefit from it. The use of a hearing aid is only part of hearing habilitation and may need to be supplemented by auditory training and instruction in lipreading.

### **Hazard warnings**

The intended use of hearing aids is to amplify and transmit sound to the ears and hereby compensate for impaired hearing. The hearing aids (specially programmed for each hearing loss) must only be used by the intended person. They should not be used by any other person as they could damage hearing.

Changes or modifications to the hearing aid are not permitted. Such changes may damage your ear or the hearing aid.

Do not use the hearing aids in explosive areas (mines, dangerous industrial areas, oxygen rich environments or areas with flammable anesthetics are)

Hearing aid batteries are toxic if they are swallowed! Keep out of reach of children, individuals with cognitive impairment, and pets. If batteries are swallowed, consult your physician immediately!

If you feel pain in or behind your ear, if it is inflamed, if skin irritation and accelerated accumulations of earwax occur, please check with your hearing care professional or physician.

In very rare cases, the dome can remain in your ear canal when removing the hearing tube from the ear. In the unlikely case that the dome does get stuck in your ear canal, it is strongly recommended to see a physician for safe removal.

Hearing programs in the directional microphone mode reduce background noises. Please be aware that warning signals or noises coming from behind, e. g. cars, are partially or entirely suppressed.

This hearing aid is not for children below 36 months. It contains small parts that can cause choking, if swallowed by children. Keep out of reach of children, individuals with cognitive impairment, and pets. If swallowed, consult a physician or hospital immediately.

Do not make a wire connection from your hearing aid to any external audio sources like radio etc. That could cause injuries on your body (electric shock).

The following is only applicable for persons with active implantable medical devices (i.e. pacemakers, defibrillators, etc.):

- Keep the wireless hearing aid at least 6 inches away from the active implant. If you experience any interference, do not use the wireless hearing aids and contact the manufacturer of the active implant. Interference can also be caused by power lines, electrostatic discharge, airport metal detectors etc.
- Keep magnets (i.e. battery handling tool, EasyPhone magnet, etc.) at least 15 cm (6 inches) away from the active implant. If using a bruckhoffwireless accessory, consult the chapter "Important safety information" in your wireless accessory user guide.

Hearing aids should not be fitted with domes / wax protection systems when used by clients with perforated eardrums, inflamed ear canals or otherwise exposed middle ear cavities. In these cases, we recommend the use of a custom earpiece. In the unlikely case that any part of this product should remain in the ear canal, it is strongly recommended to see a medical specialist for safe removal.

## Information on product safety

bruckhoff hearing aids are water resistant, not waterproof. They are designed to withstand normal activities and occasional accidental exposure to extreme conditions. Never immerse your hearing aid in water! bruckhoff hearing aids are not specifically designed for extended periods of water submersion on a continual basis, that is worn in activities such as swimming or bathing. Never wash the microphone inputs – it could lose its special acoustic features.

Protect your hearing aid from heat (never leave near a window or in the car). Never use a microwave or other heating devices to dry your hearing aid. Ask your hearing care professional about suitable drying methods.

The dome should be changed every three months or when it becomes stiff or brittle. This is to prevent the dome from detaching from the tube spout during insertion into or removal from the ear.

When you are not using your hearing aid, leave the battery door open so that any moisture can evaporate. Make sure that you always completely dry your hearing aid after use. Store the hearing aid in a safe, dry and clean place.

Do not drop your hearing aid! Dropping onto a hard surface can damage your hearing aid.

Always use new batteries for your hearing aid. In case a battery is leaking, replace it immediately with a new one to avoid any skin irritation. You can return used batteries to your hearing care professional.

The batteries used in these hearing aids should not exceed 1.5 Volts. Please do not use silver-zinc or Li-ion (lithium-ion) rechargeable batteries as these may cause severe damage to your hearing aids. The table in chapter 5 explains exactly which type of battery your particular hearing aids require.

Remove the battery if you are not using your hearing aid for a long period of time.

Special medical or dental examination including radiation described below, may adversely affect the correct functioning of your hearing aids. Remove and keep them outside the examination room/area before undergoing:

- Medical or dental examination with X-ray (also CT scan), medical examinations with MRI/NMRI scans, generating magnetic fields. Hearing aids don't need to be removed when passing security gates (airports etc.). If X-ray is used at all, it will be in very low doses, and will not affect the hearing aids.

Do not use your hearing aid in areas where electronic equipment is prohibited.