



# Noise

safety checklist

Check	yes	no	n/a
<b>Identification of noise hazards</b>			
Has a hazard identification for noise been carried out? For example, do people need to raise voices to speak with someone one metre away? Are there very loud impact noises?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have there been any workers' compensation claims for hearing loss?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Noise risk assessment</b>			
Have noise risk assessments been carried out by a competent person?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are any workers exposed above the exposure standard?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the noise risk assessment current? That is, is it less than five years ago and has noise exposure not substantially changed since?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Hazard controls</b>			
Is there a 'buy/hire quiet' policy to choose quieter tools and equipment? For example, noise reducing circular saw blades.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the workplace layout position noisy work well away from quiet work? For example, tile cutting and brick cutting.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are tools/equipment and noise controls maintained so as to minimise noise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is work planned to minimise the time workers are exposed to excessive noise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are noise sources and noise controls maintained so as to minimise noise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Personal hearing protectors</b>			
Are compliant hearing protectors supplied to and correctly worn by workers who may be exposed to a noise hazard?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do hearing protector areas have signs in accordance with Australian Standard AS1319?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are workers trained in fitting, use, selection, maintenance, replacement and storage of hearing protectors?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Information and training</b>			
Are information and training on noise hazards, effects and controls provided?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Hearing tests</b>			
Is an audiometric testing program made available to workers exposed above the exposure standard?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are appropriate actions taken if hearing loss is found to occur?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Other sources of information

WorkSafe [www.worksafe.wa.gov.au](http://www.worksafe.wa.gov.au)

### Legislation

- The Occupational Safety and Health Regulations 1996

### Code of practice

- Managing noise at workplaces
- Control of noise in the music entertainment industry

## Noise Levels and Exposure Times Equivalent to the Exposure Standard

Noise Level dB(A)	Exposure Time
82	12 hours
85	8 hours
88	4 hours
91	2 hours
94	1 hour
97	30 min
100	15 min
103	7.5 min
106	3.75 min

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