

Noise: Hearing Conservation Program

Instructions: This checklist is intended to help you identify potential hazards in your workplace. The questions are based on applicable Federal OSHA standards. Keep in mind that additional state and local regulations may apply, depending upon your location. Please check one answer for each question. If you select “no,” you should investigate further to determine what corrective action may be needed to address the hazard. You can review the specific OSHA Standards outlined below at www.osha.gov/law-regs.html. Choose “General Industry” or “Construction.”

	Questions	OSHA Regulation	Yes	No	N/A
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1)	Are accurate employee exposure measurement records and audiometric test records maintained on all employees?	1910.95(m)(1)			
2)	Are audiometric tests conducted by a licensed or certified audiologist, otolaryngologist, or other physician, or by a technician who is certified by the Council of Accreditation in Occupational Hearing Conservation or who has demonstrated competence in administering audiometric tests?	1910.95(g)(3)			
3)	Are employees notified of noise monitoring results when exposures equal or exceed 85 decibels as an 8-hour time-weighted average?	1910.95(e)			
4)	Are employees permitted to observe noise measurements?	1910.95(f)			
5)	Are employees working in highly noisy areas given periodic audiometric testing to ensure an effective hearing protection system?	1910.95(g)(1)			
6)	Are hearing protectors available at no cost to all persons exposed to noise levels at or above 85 decibels as an 8-hour time-weighted average?	1910.95(i)(1)			
7)	Are hearing protectors evaluated to verify that they effectively reduce noise to levels below 85 decibels as an 8-hour time-weighted average?	1910.95(j)(1)			
8)	Are noise measurement records maintained for at least two years?	1910.95(m)(3)(i)			
9)	Do all employees exposed to 85 decibels or above as an 8-hour time-weighted average receive hearing conservation training when they begin work and annually thereafter?	1910.95(k)(1)			

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10)	Do facility managers/supervisors ensure that hearing protectors are worn?	1910.95(i)(2)			
11)	Does the company administer a continuing, effective hearing conservation program when noise exposures equal or exceed 85 decibels as an 8-hour time-weighted average?	1910.95(c)(1)			
12)	Have all operations or equipment believed to exceed an 8-hour time-weighted average of 85 decibels been measured to determine their noise levels?	1910.95(d)(1)			
13)	Have feasible engineering or administrative controls been used to reduce operation or equipment noise levels to below 90 decibels as an 8-hour time-weighted average?	1910.95(b)(1)			
14)	Is approved hearing protective equipment (noise attenuating devices) available to every employee working in noisy areas?	1910.95(i)(1)			
15)	When ear protectors are used, are employees properly fitted and instructed in their use?	1910.95(i)(5)			

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