

ACTIVITY: NOISE

Short answer

Resources:

- WorkSafe Smart Move General Module, section on noise, available from WorkSafe's website at www.docep.wa.gov.au

Task:

- Work individually and complete the **Worksheet**.

1. What are three warning signs of hearing loss?

2. What does the abbreviation "dB" stand for and what is measured by "dB"?

3. Normal conversation is about 60 to 65 dB(A). At what level of dB(A) do you have to

(a) raise your voice? _____

(b) shout? _____

4. Prolonged exposure to noise above the level of _____ dB(A) significantly damages hearing. What must employers do if noise is consistently above this level?

5. Describe some of the effects of hearing loss for a person

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7. Describe the circumstances when hearing protection should be worn. (Hint: you need to explain fully, not just answer “when noise is above 85 dB(A)”.

8. Who is responsible for providing hearing protection for employees?

9. Headphones for radios and tape recorders provide good protection from noise. True or false?

10. Loud noise outside the workplace such as loud radios or music in a nightclub or hotel is not a hazard. True or false?

Change *paste* to *noise* in four moves by changing one letter each turn as well as making three other proper words.

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