Hearing Hazards

Noise can rob you of your hearing. Watch out for two kinds of hearing hazards:

Very loud noises...

These can damage hearing quickly.

They include such noises as:

gunfire

automobile horns

jet engines

jackhammers

Moderately loud noises over a long period of time...

These can damage hearing if you're around them for four to eight hours or if you are around them often.

They include many power tools involved in:

◆ sanding ◆ woodworking ◆ drilling

They also include:

- ◆ loud music ◆ subway or railroad noises
- ◆ some loud vacuum cleaners and other machinery

What you can do...

- ◆ Find out the noise level of your workplace—anything over 85 decibels requires protection.
- ◆ Protect yourself with earplugs or earmuffs.
- ◆ Give yourself quiet time each day.
- ◆ Get your hearing tested regularly.

Don't wait until you notice hearing loss. By then it's too late.



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