



Need to Know- Occupational Noise



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Remember....

- Noise levels should be monitored to determine if they are within the acceptable limits
- Feasible engineering and/or administrative controls should be implemented before requiring PPE
- Hearing protection devices may be required to reduce the exposure to below the PEL
- Hearing protection devices will only be effective if:
 - They are the proper type of device for the exposure
 - They are worn properly
- Noise monitoring may need repeated it:
 - Work conditions/processes change
 - Additional employees are exposed
 - Hearing protector are deemed inadequate
- If the exposure requires audiometric testing for exposed employees it shall be provided:
 - At no cost
 - Within first 6 months of initial exposure (12 months if using mobile van units)
 - Annually thereafter