

KCA TOOL BOX TALK: Noise Exposure



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Most construction jobs involve high levels of noise. Some of the major noise sources include heavy equipment and tools. Excessive noise at sites can cause temporary or permanent hearing loss and create safety hazards as well. Prolonged exposure to high noise levels over a period of time will cause permanent hearing damage. OSHA's "Occupational Noise Exposure Standard" protects workers from hearing impairment through noise controls and a hearing conservation program.

Creating A Hearing Conservation Program:

- Monitoring of employee noise exposures (see [Table D-2](#) for exposure limits)
- The institution of controls for excessive noise such as modification of equipment or the work area; mufflers or other noise barriers/absorbers
- Supplying each overexposed employee with a fitted hearing protector that provides proper noise reduction rating
- Employee training and education on noise hazards and hearing protection
- Employee baseline and annual hearing test
- Procedures for preventing further occupational hearing loss by an employee
- Recording keeping

[OSHA Pocket Guide to Noise Exposure](#) - Please share as part of your toolbox talk!

Visit [here](#) for more on hearing conservation and [here](#) to register for a free webinar on the topic.

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