

Company Policy Statement for Noise Hazards.

The noise provisions of the Health & Safety Regulations (Display Screen Equipment) 1992 and the Control of Noise at Work Regulations 2005 apply to our working environment.

It is our policy to meet or exceed the requirements of the law wherever we can do so reasonably practicably.

Noise on our premises and at remote work sites that causes distraction or annoyance will be reduced wherever reasonably practicable.

Our generic risk assessments will consider which areas and operations, if any, have noise levels that may harm the hearing of our employees or others. Areas so identified will be designated as Ear Protection Zones and everyone entering the area for any length of time will be required to wear appropriate hearing protection, including management, contractors and visitors.

The effects of noise damage to the hearing are insidious and, because an immediate effect is not felt, employees may feel that the potential for hearing damage is being exaggerated. However hearing protection is only effective if used for 100% of the time exposed to the noise and even very brief removal makes the protection almost useless.

All employees who are likely to be exposed to noise at or above the first action level of 80 dB (A) will be provided with information, instruction and training about the hazards and the steps to be taken to minimise the risks.

Employees are reminded that they have a legal obligation under the Control of Noise at Work Regulations 2005 to wear hearing protection in designated ear protection zones. Failure to do so will be considered as serious misconduct, for which there is a disciplinary process.

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