

SAFETY PROCEDURE

**HEALTH AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT
PROCEDURE FOR
NOISE MANAGEMENT**

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2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this procedure is to provide practical guidance on how noise affects hearing, how to identify and assess noise exposure and how to control health and safety risks arising from hazardous noise, to ensure that all workplace noise is assessed, monitored and controlled and to ensure compliance with statutory requirements.

3. SCOPE

This procedure applies to all areas where workers are required to work. This procedure will also be relevant to contractors while completing works on behalf of **Company**.

4. TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

Term	Definition
Administrative Noise Control Measures	Work systems designed to sustain and reduce noise exposure, e.g. job rotation, reduction of noise sources that are designed to reduce exposure.
Audiometric Testing	Means the test and measurement of the hearing threshold levels of each ear by using pure tone air conduction threshold test.
The A-weighted Scale	Is a commonly used scale that measures the human ear's response to noise.
The C-weighted Scale	A technical measurement scale is used to measure peak levels.
dB(A)	Stands for decibels on the A-weighted scale.
dB(C)	Stands for decibels on the C-weighted scale.
Decibel	Is a measurement of sound pressure or noise level.
Engineering Control	Is any engineering procedure that reduces the sound level, either at the source of the noise or in its transmission.
Environmental noise	Is sound emitted that is transmitted through the atmosphere and is audible or has an impact at a neighboring receiver location. Environmental noise is invasive by nature and is generally considered a form of pollution or nuisance and has the potential to be an operational constraint.
Excessive noise	Is that which exceeds the maximum daily exposure limit. It is the noise that either may cause hearing loss because of its intensity, duration and/or frequency distribution, or that which disturbs cognitive or physiological functions.
Exposure standard for noise	Means in relation to a person: