

## Hearing Conservation

Occupational exposures to excessive noise are regulated under the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, (OSHA). Currently, the OSHA Action level for occupational noise is 85dBA for an eight (8) hour day, with a Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) of 90dBA for an eight (8) hour day. When employees are exposed to excessive noise in the workplace, they need to be in the Hearing Conservation Program and their Department will provide hearing protection devices for the employees.

Safety & Compliance will assist employees and Departments in measuring workplace noise exposure and provide guidance for the Hearing Conservation Program and assist in selection of hearing protection devices.

For information on monitoring or other services please call Occupational Safety and Health at 244-0415 or e-mail [oshs@uiuc.edu](mailto:oshs@uiuc.edu)

Additional general information on the topics of Noise and Hearing Conservation can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/noise/>

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