

Hearing Protection Checklist

Location/Department:

Date of Inspection:

Inspectors:

Corrective Actions:

Work order/memos were issued: ☐ Yes

☐ No

Date issued:

The following safety and health checklist is based on the MIOSHA standards. It may not include *all* conditions, as it is intended to be used only as a guide.

Topic Description	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
Does your company have a noise control/hearing conservation program?				
Have noise levels been tested for:				
Your facility?				
Your work area?				
Individual workers over an average workday?				
Have all workers received a baseline audiometric test?				
Are workers retested annually (twice a year if exposed to more than 100 decibels)?				
Are workers with hearing loss assigned to less noisy areas or jobs?				
Does your hearing conservation training program cover:				
Possible effects of continued noise exposure on hearing?				
Symptoms of hearing loss (difficulty hearing voices, soft or high sounds; or ringing in the ears)?				
Personal and safety risks of hearing loss?				
Protections offered by OSHA regulations?				
Specifics of your company's noise exposure and hearing conservation program?				

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How to select hearing protectors, not homemade devices?				
Hearing protector hygiene (wash daily; replace disposable ear plugs daily; wash hands before inserting ear plugs)?				
Home and recreational activities with dangerously high noise levels (power tools, motorcycles, snowmobiles, loud music, etc.)?				
Has your company or department taken action to reduce noise levels such as:				
Rubber mounts to reduce heavy equipment vibration?				
Acoustical tiles and blankets to absorb sound?				
Noise-reduction criteria built into equipment purchasing specs?				
Separate areas for noisy machinery?				
Equipment maintenance program to replace worn or loose parts, eliminate rattles and squeaks?				
Replacing metal with wood or plastic materials where possible?				
Scheduling noisy operations or maintenance when fewest workers are present?				
Is hearing protection available when noise levels are at 85 decibels or more?				
Earmuffs?				
Canal caps?				
Ear plugs?				
Is more than one type of hearing protector assigned if needed?				
Do supervisors wear hearing protection in those work areas where it is required for workers?				
Do you provide visitors with hearing protection in areas where it is required for workers?				
Do you provide workers with ear plugs for off-the-job use?				