

Exposure to Noise.

No	Activity	Hazard	Person(s) in Danger	Control Measures	Residual Risk Rating
5	Work activities producing excessive noise	<p>Workplace noise.</p> <p>Risks of permanent and temporary damage to hearing.</p> <p>Ringling, whistling, buzzing or humming in the ears – Tinnitus.</p>	<p>Employees</p> <p>Contractors</p> <p>Public</p> <p>Visitors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove noisy machines or equipment where it can not be heard by persons likely to be affected. Use quieter tools and equipment or different (quieter) processes where possible. Ensure noise-reducing covers are closed (e.g. those on generators). Use screens, barriers, enclosures, and absorbent materials to reduce noise on it's path to people exposed. Use the right tool for the task, and switch off when not in use. Check tools have been properly maintained and inspections tests are up to date e.g. blades are changed when (before) they become blunt – report any defects immediately. Reduce the amount of time you use tools and equipment, e.g. job rotation; restrict access to people in the noise area. Ensure hearing protection is worn at all times when using noisy plant, equipment and tools above 80dB. Ensure hearing protection is fit for purpose and worn at all times where there is a risk of excessive noise. If you have difficulty in wearing hearing protection, report to it your Line Manager. Employees to be provided information and training on the risks of noise exposure. Employees to be provided information on how to report defects with noise-controlling equipment and hearing protection. 	Low