

Exposure to excessive noise may damage hearing. In fact, occupationally-induced hearing loss is one of the leading occupational illnesses in the United States. When workplace noise equals or exceeds safe levels, employees are required to wear hearing protection to limit exposure.

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Key Training Points:

- Excessive noise can be dangerous. If it is loud enough and lasts long enough, it can damage your hearing.
- Noise-induced hearing loss adds up over your lifetime, and the damage is irreversible.
- Occupationally-induced hearing loss is one of the leading occupational illnesses in the United States.
- Generally, prolonged exposure to noise levels of 85 to 90 decibels is considered dangerous and may cause hearing loss.
- When workplace noise equals or exceeds safe levels, employees are required to wear hearing protection.
- Hearing protectors must be worn correctly and consistently to be effective.

Answers: 1. A, 2. D 3. C 4. C, 5. D