

Essential Steps: Noise

**4,700
CLAIMS**

are made
each year for
noise-induced
hearing loss¹

**65
PERCENT**

of workers'
compensation
claims for
noise-induced
hearing loss
were from
manufacturing²

**10
PERCENT**

of adult
onset hearing
loss is due to
occupational
noise³

Steps to safety

01

Substitute noisy machinery with quieter alternatives or enclose it with a sound-insulating enclosure.

02

Alternate tasks carried out by workers to prevent exposure to excessive noise.

03

Supply personal hearing protection to workers, such as earplugs, and ensure they are worn.

**Refer to the relevant safety authority in your jurisdiction
for further information**

1. <https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/noise>

2. https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/system/files/documents/1702/occupational_noiseinduced_hearing_loss_australia_2010.pdf

3. https://www.comcare.gov.au/preventing/hazards/physical_hazards/noise-induced_hearing_loss

