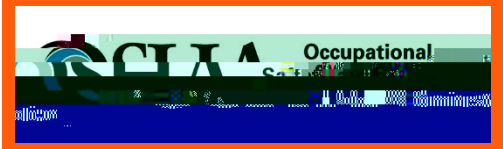




Need to Know- Occupational Noise



OCCUPATIONAL NOISE

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Remember....

- x Noise levels should be monitored to determine if they are within the acceptable limits
- x Feasible engineering and/or administrative controls should be implemented before requiring PPE
- x Hearing protection devices may be required to reduce the exposure to below the PEL
- x Hearing protection devices will only be effective if:
 - o They are the proper type of device for the exposure
 - o They are worn properly
- x Noise monitoring may need repeated it:
 - o Work conditions/processes change
 - o Additional employees are exposed
 - o Hearing protector are deemed inadequate
- x If the exposure requires audiometric testing for exposed employees it shall be provided:
 - o At no cost
 - o Within first 6 months of initial exposure (12 months if using mobile van units)
 - o Annually thereafter