

Health & Safety Policy

Summary – Noise Policy



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The Control of Noise at Work Regulations have implications for some of the work activities undertaken in the University. This also includes music and entertainment activities within the University.

Noise induced hearing loss (NIHL) or industrial deafness has long been recognised as a preventable industrial disease and, to this end, the Control of Noise at Work Regulations outline the necessary preventative measures.

The Regulations place statutory obligations on the University to carry out an assessment on the noise levels in those areas where staff, students and visitors are likely to be exposed to noise at or above defined action levels. Depending on the levels of noise measured and the period of exposure the University is obliged to introduce certain preventative and/or protective measures. Failure to carry out noise assessments or introduce preventative/protective measures can lead to prosecution under the Health and Safety at Work (HSWA) Act.

This policy covers:

- exposure limit values and action values
- assessment of the risk to health and safety
- eliminate or control exposure to noise
- hearing protection
- maintenance and use of equipment
- health surveillance
- information, instruction and training



Further information and related links

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Health & Safety Executive – Noise at Work [click here](#)

The Control of Noise at Work Regulations [click here](#)

HSE Noise calculator [click here](#)