

Talk No. 6 - Noise

Reason for Talk

Exposure to noise can cause permanent hearing loss. – It can be irreversible.

Main Points

General

- ◆ The following equipment can be harmful to your hearing – compressors, con saws, breakers, generators etc.
- ◆ You do not have to be using noisy equipment; you can be affected by someone working close by.
- ◆ Exposure to noise may cause, hearing loss, irritation, annoyance and fatigue, lack of concentration.
- ◆ Use a less noisy process if possible
- ◆ If you have to shout to be heard, then wear ear defenders.
- ◆ Ensure machinery is fitted with mufflers and that compressor door are closed.
- ◆ Your first priority should be to reduce noise levels and therefore your exposure to noise – if this is not possible then hearing protection should be worn.

On Site Safety

The presenter should outline / reiterate the site specific requirements of this particular site with regard to;

- ◆ Rated hearing protection
- ◆ Risk Assessment
- ◆ Method Statements
- ◆ Noise monitoring
- ◆ Health surveillance

Questions

Presenter should request any questions from the audience

MAIN POINT FROM THIS SESSION

**NOISE CAN DAMAGE YOUR HEARING PERMENANTLY
WEAR YOUR HEARING PROTECTION**



