



HEARING CONSERVATION

TOOLBOX TALK SERIES – HEARING CONSERVATION

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Last year alone OSHA reported that 25% of all workers were exposed to hazardous noise levels in the workplace. Of those workers, 53% reported not wearing hearing protection.

Hearing Conservation Program

The Town of Perinton Hearing Conservation Program applies to all employees exposed to hazardous noises based on a Time Weighted Average (TWA) of 85 decibels or more.

A copy of this program is provided in the Town of Perinton Safety Manual



Personal Protective Equipment

All employees exposed to an 8hr-TWA of 85 decibels are required to utilize hearing protection.

Types of Hearing Protection

- Earplugs
 - Formable
 - Pre-Molded
 - Canal Caps
- Earmuffs
- Noise cancelling headphones or earbuds are NOT hearing protection

Sample Noise Levels:

<i>Equipment</i>	<i>Decibel Level</i>
Pneumatic Chip Hammer	103-113
Jackhammer	102-111
Concrete Joint Cutter	99-102
Skilsaw	88-102
Hammer	87-95
Front End Loader	86-94
Impact Wrench	108

YOU ONLY HAVE TWO EARS. HEARING LOSS IS PERMANENT. UTILIZE HEARING PROTECTION TO PROTECT THE ONLY SET OF EARS YOU HAVE.