



Noise Identification

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Guideline owner	Human Resource – Work Health & Safety
Applies to	All Parish workers - Employees, Contractors, Sub-Contractors, Volunteers; & Visitors
Legislative requirements	WHS Act 2011 & WHS Regulation 2011 WHS Regulation 2011 Part 4.2 Managing Noise and Preventing Hearing Loss at Work Code of Practice AS/NZS 1269.1:2005 Occupational noise management—Measurement and assessment of noise immission and exposure
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Policy

The Parish recognises the danger to workers posed by excessive noise. We will identify possible sources of excessive noise, assess the level of risk posed and implement measures to control these risks to ensure the health and safety of our workers. Controls will also be regularly reviewed to ensure the most effective continue to be used. Workers will be consulted during the noise risk management process.

Probable sources of excessive noise include:

- Lawnmowers
- Ride on mowers
- Trimmers/Brushcutters/Edgers/Leaf blowers
- Chainsaws
- All workshop and power tools, excluding welding equipment
- Back pack vacuum cleaners
- Bands

In order to minimise the effect of noise in the workplace, the Parish requires:

- All individual equipment which produces loud noise be identified;
- Limits be placed on use of noisy equipment in terms of frequency and duration of use; and times of use – the Parish recommends the guideline should be that of a considerate neighbour;
- Workers must wear hearing protection when using loud equipment;
- Noise levels will be considered in the purchase of new equipment;
- Volunteer equipment may be refused due to excess noise;
- Bands will be required to use instruments at a reasonable volume level.



Whilst legislation prescribes specific exposure standards for noise, the Parish does not have ready access to equipment to test these levels. It is further considered unlikely the Parish will exceed those levels in the everyday running of the workplace. Instead, as noted above, we will use the standard of “a considerate neighbour” when determining reasonable noise levels. Where concerns are raised that noise produced by the Parish is excessive, noise levels will be tested by an appropriately qualified / equipped person.