

Save your workers' hearing, stay compliant and save on costs with us.

HEARING CONSERVATION

Why is Hearing Conservation Important?

Hearing loss is irreversible and causes:

1. Disability of workers
2. Stress in worker's family dynamics
3. Reduced productivity of worker at work
4. Increased WCB premiums



All employers must adhere to legislation to reduce worker's noise exposure to the acceptable limits (Alberta Occupational Health and Safety code Part 16, section 218). Below summarizes the requirement for managing noise levels in the workplace. This help employers to easily identify opportunities, take appropriate actions and stay compliant with the legislation. This summary does not replace the Alberta Occupational Health and Safety Code, the CSA standards nor the legislation. Please refer to the appropriate document for more detail.

7 Essentials to Ensure Compliance

1. Noise exposure levels must not exceed 85dBA Lex - (OH&S code Part 16 section 218)
2. Complete a Noise Exposure Assessment if there is any indication of excessive noise exposure (OH&S code Part 16 section 218)
3. The Noise Exposure Assessment must be completed in accordance with the Canadian Standard Association (CSA) standard Z107 56-06 (OH&S code Part 16 section 219)



4. The CSA standard Z107 56-06 directives states that an instrument called the sound level meter may be used if the noise level is steady (CSA standard Z107 56-06 clause 6.3.3)
5. An instrument called the dosimeter is better indicated for jobs with variable noise levels (CSA standard Z107 56-06 clause 6.4.1)
6. No noise management program is required if the noise exposure for an 8hrs shift does NOT exceed 85 dBA. A noise management program must be developed and implemented if the noise exposure for an 8hrs shift exceeds 85 dBA (OH&S code Part 16 section 221 subsection 1)
7. Implement a noise management program (OH&S code Part 16 section 221 subsection 2)

How HealthyWorker Can Help Your Business

Noise Exposure Assessment

Our experienced and competent technicians will complete your noise exposure assessment according to the Alberta Occupational Health and Safety Code and the required CSA standards 107. 56 – 06. Our process does NOT interrupt production or business. A final report, will be developed, that includes but not limited to the readings, a summary of noise exposure and steps for compliance. This information will be discussed with you at no extra cost to you.

Hearing Tests

Our certified experienced technicians will complete the hearing tests concurrent with the Alberta Occupational Health and Safety Code. We will complete the tests at your preferred location.

Program Administrator Training

HealthyWorker™ also specializes in training your internal personnel to develop and implement a noise management program as required by the Alberta Occupational Health and Safety code. Your internal personnel will become a certified Noise Management Program Administrator after the completion of training. This will allow you to stay compliant and save costs on an external Administrator.

Employee Training

As per section 221 (2) of the Alberta Occupational Health and Safety Code, employers must ensure their noise management program includes regular training and education. Training and education improves worker compliance and affirm an employers due diligence. Our training for workers includes:

- The importance of wearing hearing protection devices
- How and when to put on hearing protection devices
- The use and maintenance of hearing protection devices
- Familiarization with the Alberta Occupational Health and Safety Code, section 221(3) which states that “a worker who is subject to noise management must cooperate with the employer in implementing the policies and procedures”.

Personalized Hearing Protection

Experience technicians from Healthyworker can come to your worksite and fit your employees individually or in groups for the customized hearing device. We can also fit your employees at our clinic.

