

## Excessive Noise Levels

### 1. Excessive Noise Level Complaints

- Excessive noise levels are defined as sound levels that equal or exceed an 8-hour time-weighted average sound level of 85 decibels.
- In the event that an employee is subjected to or suspected to be exposed to excessive noise levels, University Hospital's Safety Management Services (SMS) should be contacted at (734) 764-4427.
- A representative of SMS will evaluate and/or monitor the exposure level to ensure that noise levels are within established limits.
- Should noise levels exceed established limits, protection will be provided to all employees subjected to the excessive noise levels and/or removed from the work environment for the period of the event if needed.
- If necessary, noise levels within established limits will be periodically reevaluated to ensure that compliance and employee safety is maintained.
- For signs of possible injury due to excessive noise levels (i.e. ringing of the ears, decreased hearing, deafness), supervision should refer employee to Employee Health Service and/or the Emergency Room. Additionally, Supervision is responsible for adhering to [UMHHC Policy 05-01-005 Accident Investigation and Reporting](#).

### References

[OSHA 29 CFR Occupational noise exposure 1910.95](#)

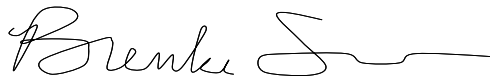
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