

# FACT SHEET

## Hearing Conservation Program

Whenever an employee's noise exposure equals or exceeds an 8-hour time-weighted average (TWA) of 85 dBA, they are required to be enrolled in the University of Utah's Hearing Conservation Program.

The primary goal of the University of Utah Hearing Conservation Program is to reduce, or eliminate hearing loss due to workplace noise exposures. The program includes the following elements:

- Survey/Assessment of work environments to identify potentially hazardous noise levels and personnel at risk
- Implementation of engineering controls such as, modification of equipment, baffling, etc. to reduce the noise level to acceptable levels
- When engineering controls are not feasible, administrative controls and/or the use of hearing protective devices must be employed
- Annual hearing testing will be conducted to monitor the effectiveness of the hearing conservation program. Early detection of temporary threshold shifts will allow further protective action to be taken before permanent hearing loss occurs

Annual training on hearing conservation is required and is part of the employee's and supervisors' responsibilities under the program. This training is provided to employees at the time of the annual hearing testing.

For more information on the University's hearing conservation program, or to download a copy of the program and program templates, visit the EHS website: [U of U Hearing Conservation Program](#)

If you feel that your work area has excessive noise please contact EHS directly at 801-581-6590 to request and assessment.



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