85 dBA L_{EX8h} (equivalent to 80 dBA L_{EX24h})

Most standards specify an 8-h occupational noise exposure limit (L_{ex}) of 85 dBA. This limit assumes that some workers exposed at the limit will develop hearing loss.

83 dBA L_{EX8h} (equivalent to 78 dBA L_{EX24h}; 92 dBA L_{EX1h}) This limit is applicable to individuals willing to tolerate modest risk for a small degree of noise induced hearing loss, but still sufficiently protective of the vast majority of people exposed to nonoccupational music exposures.



80 dBA L_{Ex8h} (equivalent to

75 dBA L_{EX24h}) This limit is intended to nearly eliminate the risk of measurable noise induced hearing loss following a 40-year working lifetime. However, lifetime exposures to music and noise may reasonably be expected to exceed a cumulative duration greater than 40 years. Adoption of this limit for exposure to music likely represents an optimal trade-off between being sufficiently protective and being onerous and/or technically or socially infeasible.

75 dBA L_{exah} (equivalent to 70 dBA L_{ex24h})

This limit is known to eliminate the risk of noise induced hearing loss in any exposed individual over the longest exposure duration that can currently be modelled. This exposure limit includes a margin of safety to account for vulnerable and susceptible individuals.