Noise & Hearing Protection Planning

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Identify noisy tasks and arrange assessment, controls and follow-up.

Scope and limits

Planning aid; general-industry 1910.95 and construction 1926.52/1926.101 have different requirements. This is not a complete hearing-conservation program.

Proposed employer workflow

1. Map noisy tasks, equipment, exposure duration and workers who move between areas.

2. Arrange suitable exposure measurement; a phone reading or ability to tolerate noise is not a complete assessment.

3. Reduce noise at the source through selection, maintenance, isolation or other suitable controls.

4. Select hearing protection based on exposure, fit and communication needs; demonstrate correct use.

5. Determine applicable hearing-conservation, audiometry, training and record obligations from the actual exposure and sector.

6. Reassess when equipment or work duration changes and review worker concerns promptly.

Stop-work trigger

Pause or relocate work if assessed controls are missing or noise conditions unexpectedly change.

Adapt this resource before use. It is not OSHA-approved, a certification, a permit, or a complete site-specific safety program. The employer must determine applicable rules and approve the actual controls.

Site implementation worksheet

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Employer / site: _____

Administrator / contact: _____

Effective date / next review: _____

Complete these topic-specific arrangements

Tasks / equipment / durations

Procedure / location / responsible person

Measurements / controls / protection

Procedure / location / responsible person

Applicable program / training / audiometry arrangements

Procedure / location / responsible person

Attach the supporting plans

Identify applicable federal, State Plan and task-specific rules; attach equipment instructions, assessments, maps and any required written programs or permits. Record their document IDs below.

Supporting document / revision / owner

Employer approval / signature / date: _____

Approval of this worksheet alone does not authorize hazardous work.

Field check & follow-up

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Task / date / reviewer: _____

Mark each item Yes / No / N/A. Explain N/A. Resolve any missing critical control before work; record who verified the correction.

Check	Y / N / N/A	Action / owner
Noise tasks mapped		
Measurement arranged		
Source controls assessed		
Protection selection and fit checked		
Follow-up responsibilities assigned		

Crew briefing and verification

Discuss: Pause or relocate work if assessed controls are missing or noise conditions unexpectedly change.

Ask each worker to explain the task controls and who to contact. Record the topic, participant names, demonstration or questions, and unresolved gaps. Attendance alone is not proof of proficiency.

Participants / evidence / gaps / corrective action

Reviewed by / date / follow-up due: _____

Official reference and use

https://www.osha.gov/noise

Source checked Nov 3, 2026. OSHA regulations and recommended guidance have different roles. Verify changes and applicability before adoption. Procedures and forms here are original SafetyFluent planning aids. Copy and adapt for internal workplace use, retaining source and revision details.

Records: assign secure storage, access and retention based on applicable requirements; there is no universal retention period for every form. Keep medical details out of this general crew worksheet.