

**Company Health & Safety
Standard Method Statements and Bibliography**

**VI
Noise**

Guidance Notes

- HSE Noise at Work
- HSE Reducing noise exposure in the food and drink industries.
- HSE Noise in Engineering

Forms

Risk assessment form.

1. Employees will not be subject to any “First Action”* or higher noise levels whilst on Company premises.
2. Employees using tools or equipment (off company premises) that incur higher than “First action noise levels”* will
 - a. Take steps to minimise periods of exposure.
3. Employees will use PPE hearing protection (provided by the company) where
 - a. Site conditions state it as a working requirement (ear protection zone)
 - b. Where employees suspect that unavoidable higher than first action level noise is present.
4. Where employees are subject to noise levels higher than “Second Action”* they will
 - a. Report the noise source to the site health and safety officer.
 - b. Take steps to minimise exposure to the noise source
 - c. Wear appropriate PPE whilst exposed.
5. Where employees are subject to noise levels higher than “Peak Action”* they will
 - a. Report the noise source to the site health and safety officer.
 - b. Avoid exposure until the noise level is reduced.

**First action where the total sound energy is at 85 dB(A) (Noisy)*

**Second action where the total sound energy is at 90 dB(A) (cannot hold a conversation at 2 metres distance)*

**Peak action where instantaneous sound pressure may exceed 200 Pascals (140dB very loud impact noises {forge hammer / pile driver etc})*