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Elimination

Does the task need
to be done?



Substitution

Is there another way to do the task which makes less noise?

Can you substitute noisy machinery with quieter options?



Isolation

Can you create separated space/s for, enclose, or move noisy equipment away from workers?

Can you automate noisy machinery, or operate it remotely so workers are not exposed to the noise?



Engineering Controls

If the noise source cannot be separated from workers, can you soundproof work areas or use insulation to reduce noise?

Can you check and maintain machinery to make sure it is not making unnecessary noise?

Can the equipment or its parts be made from materials that make less noise?



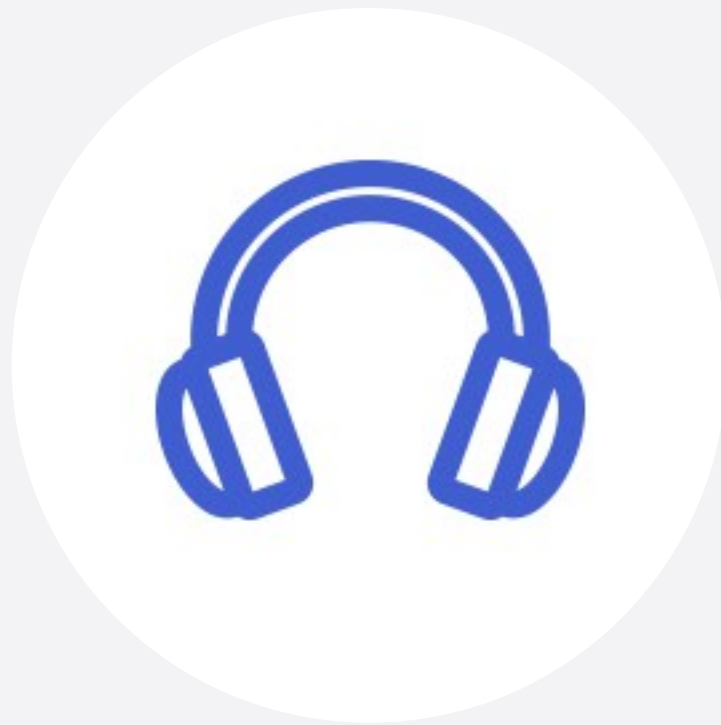
Administrative Controls

Can you reduce the number of workers who may be exposed to noise?

Can you minimise the time workers spend in noisy spaces?

Can you provide advance notice when noisy tasks are scheduled so workers can limit exposure?

Can you provide quiet areas for rest breaks for workers exposed to noise?



PPE

After applying all other controls, consider if workers need to wear personal hearing protection.

What hearing protection do people need to work safely?



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