

Noise Management Audit

Ensure your company programme reflects current best practice



*Most Noise Assessments - a waste of time and money...**
The regulations are about controlling noise, not measuring it ...
PPE - only if you can prove that noise control is impractical ...
Can you simply eliminate your noise problems altogether ...

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Repeat measurements - or best practice Action that reduces costs?

Instead of yet another noise assessment telling you what you already know - that you have a noise problem - carry out a Noise Management Audit instead. The audit generates a detailed Action Plan to update procedures as necessary to reflect current best practice. This approach is not only the most effective way to ensure compliance, but it can also dramatically reduce the costs, resources and time required to manage the risks from noise at work - and can even make the whole programme self-financing.

Key Audit Action Plan Elements - Improved Performance and Reduced Costs

The Noise Management Audit evaluates current practices and policy in the following key areas of noise risk management. The result is an Action Plan with detailed recommendations for any improvements required to reflect benchmark practices.

• Noise Assessments - largely a waste of time and money?

Many companies have wasted time and (considerable) money on inadequate assessments (HSE data). Typical Best Practice is to update a high quality template digital assessment in-house (or via contractor) at a fraction of the cost and resources; very many companies repeat assessments unnecessarily - regular re-assessment is usually not required - audit your management Action Plan instead.

• PPE - a false sense of security that may not be permitted as a long term risk reduction measure?

In practice, it becomes increasingly difficult to guarantee adequate performance from PPE above c95dB(A). Also, PPE cannot be used in the long term unless you can prove that noise control is not reasonably practicable. We can provide certification to that effect.



• Noise Control - a mandatory requirement that could be made self-financing?

An engineering evaluation of the noise control options (with costs and benefits) using the best of current technology is mandatory. In a surprising number of cases, an innovative approach to noise control can actually save money (PPE costs, improved productivity, reduced down-time...).

• Buy Quiet Purchasing Standard - can you prevent suppliers giving you new problems?

Implementing an effective and practical Noise Purchasing Policy is probably the most cost effective long term noise control measure that a company can take. Do not let your suppliers spend your money on noise control that is not best practice.



• Training and Education - do you need to change attitudes to noise risk management?

Integrated information and / or training programmes can have a substantial impact on the effectiveness of company policy. This includes management based on factual information and good engineering that should be incorporated as standard practice.

The Industry Best Practice Benchmark

The degree and quality of INVC expertise and experience across all the relevant elements make us uniquely placed to define precisely what constitutes current best practice in noise risk management.

• A Finger on the Pulse - assessing assessments and training

We developed and run the IOSH noise competency courses, so we see a very wide range of assessments. Our Digital Noise Assessment (DNA) template is the industry benchmark.

• Innovative Engineering Noise Control - good engineering can even make noise control profitable..

We have an unparalleled reputation for innovation in noise control across a wide range of industries. Many of our techniques define current best practice, dramatically reducing the costs of noise control.

Contact us for more information or take a look at our web site at www.invc.co.uk.

*HSE data 2002: only 37% of companies had adequate assessments; reassessment required for regulatory requirements.

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