

LEVELS OF NOISE in decibels (dB)

PAINFUL & DANGEROUS		
Use hearing protection or avoid	160	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • .357 Magnum • 9 mm
	150	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • .380 • 12 gauge shotgun
	140	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fireworks • Custom car stereos (at full volume)
	130	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jackhammers • Ambulances • NASCAR races • .22 caliber rifle
UNCOMFORTABLE		
Dangerous over 30 seconds	120	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jet planes (during takeoff)
VERY LOUD		
Dangerous over 30 minutes	110	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerts • Car horns • Sporting events
	100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snowmobiles • MP3 players (at full volume)
	90	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lawnmowers • Power tools • Blenders • Hair dryers
Over 85 dB for extended periods can cause permanent hearing loss.		
LOUD		
	80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alarm clocks • Noisy restaurant
	70	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic • Vacuums
MODERATE		
	60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normal conversation • Dishwashers
	50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderate rainfall
SOFT		
	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiet library
	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whisper
FAINT		
	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaves rustling

