

The Control of Noise at Work Regulations 2005

The Control of Noise at Work Regulations 2005 brings in changes to the existing noise legislation required by the Physical Agents (Noise) Directive and will take effect from 15th February 2006.

The Main changes are in the levels of noise that is considered safe for exposure, and therefore the levels at which hearing protections is required have also changed.

A lower exposure action level of 80dB (down from 85dB) is now in place, together with a peak sound pressure level of 135dB (down from 140Db).

This should not affect out nurseries however if it does, the employer must carry out a risk assessment to identify the measures needed to comply with the regulations.

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