

Bureau of Labor Standards / OSHA – References:	29 CFR 1910.95
Hearing Conservation	Noise exposure over 85db in an 8 hour time weighted average (TWA) requires the establishment of a Hearing Conservation Program.
Locations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anywhere in the CTE where noise levels may be over 90db over an eight hour TWA requires the use of hearing protection.
Sample Locations or activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Metal Shop Auto Repair Shops Use in locations of grinding, cutting, impact driving. Working in mechanical rooms; machining; grinding; sanding; around pneumatic equipment, grounds/lawn equipment, generators, chillers, motors, engines, saws, jackhammers, or similar equipment.
Inspector:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noise levels shall be determined using a sound level meter. If high sound levels are determined, an Industrial Hygienist should be consulted to conduct a survey using a noise dosimeter.
Frequency of Inspections:	Any time a new process is introduced which creates high noise levels.
Conservation Policy	See: <u>Hearing Conservation Program (General Industry)</u> At: http://www.safetyworksmaine.gov/safe_workplace/sample_programs/index.shtml
Training	

All surveys shall be submitted to the CTE Director or designee.

Note

Several CTE programs have been tested and the TWA was been found to be low enough that a **Hearing Conservation Program** may not be required. Because each CTE is different, conduct a local assessment to determine if a **Hearing Conservation Program** is required. Hearing protection should still be worn regardless of the need for a program. Examples of when hearing protection should be worn are when working in mechanical rooms; machining; grinding; sanding; around pneumatic equipment, grounds/lawn equipment, generators, chillers, motors, engines, saws, jackhammers, or similar equipment.