

# LEVELS OF NOISE

In decibels (dB)

## PAINFUL & DANGEROUS

Use hearing protection or avoid

140 • Fireworks  
• Gun shots  
• Custom car stereos (at full volume)

130 • Jackhammers  
• Ambulances

## UNCOMFORTABLE

Dangerous over 30 seconds

120 • Jet planes (during take off)

## VERY LOUD

Dangerous over 30 minutes

110 • Concerts (any genre of music)  
• Car horns  
• Sporting events

100 • Snowmobiles  
• MP3 players (at full volume)

90 • Lawnmowers  
• Power tools  
• Blenders  
• Hair dryers

Over 85 dB for extended periods can cause permanent hearing loss.

## LOUD

80 • Alarm clocks

70 • Traffic  
• Vacuums

## MODERATE

60 • Normal conversation  
• Dishwashers

50 • Moderate rainfall

## SOFT

40 • Quiet library

30 • Whisper

## FAINT

20 • Leaves rustling

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