

# Hearing Loss Prevention (Noise)

Chapter 296-817 WAC

## Statutory Authority

296-817-100 Scope.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, .040, .050, and .060. 03-11-060 (Order 02-16), § 296-817-100, filed 05/19/03, effective 08/01/03.]

296-817-200 Summary.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, .040, .050, and .060. 03-11-060 (Order 02-16), § 296-817-200, filed 05/19/03, effective 08/01/03.]

296-817-20005 Conduct employee noise exposure monitoring.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, .040, .050, and .060. 03-11-060 (Order 02-16), § 296-817-20005, filed 05/19/03, effective 08/01/03.]

296-817-20010 Control employee noise exposures that equal or exceed 90 dBA TWA<sub>8</sub>.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, .040, .050, and .060. 03-11-060 (Order 02-16), § 296-817-20010, filed 05/19/03, effective 08/01/03.]

296-817-20015 Make sure employees use hearing protection when their noise exposure equals or exceeds 85 dBA TWA<sub>8</sub>.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, .040, .050, and .060. 03-11-060 (Order 02-16), § 296-817-20015, filed 05/19/03, effective 08/01/03.]

296-817-20020 Make sure exposed employees receive training about noise and hearing protection.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, .040, .050, and .060. 09-15-145 (Order 09-04), § 296-817-20020, filed 07/21/09, effective 09/01/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, .040, .050, and .060. 03-11-060 (Order 02-16), § 296-817-20020, filed 05/19/03, effective 08/01/03.]

296-817-20025 Make sure warning signs are posted for areas where noise levels equal or exceed 115 dBA.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, .040, .050, and .060. 03-11-060 (Order 02-16), § 296-817-20025, filed 05/19/03, effective 08/01/03.]

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296-817-20030 Arrange for oversight of audiometric testing.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, .040, .050, and .060. 03-11-060 (Order 02-16), § 296-817-20030, filed 05/19/03, effective 08/01/03.]

296-817-20035 Identify and correct deficiencies in your hearing loss prevention program.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, .040, .050, and .060. 03-11-060 (Order 02-16), § 296-817-20035, filed 05/19/03, effective 08/01/03.]

296-817-20040 Document your hearing loss prevention activities.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, .040, .050, and .060. 03-11-060 (Order 02-16), § 296-817-20040, filed 05/19/03, effective 08/01/03.]

296-817-300 Summary.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, .040, .050, and .060. 03-11-060 (Order 02-16), § 296-817-300, filed 05/19/03, effective 08/01/03.]

296-817-30005 Make sure that noise-measuring equipment meets recognized standards.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, .040, .050, and .060. 03-11-060 (Order 02-16), § 296-817-30005, filed 05/19/03, effective 08/01/03.]

296-817-30010 Measure employee noise exposure.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, .040, .050, and .060. 03-11-060 (Order 02-16), § 296-817-30010, filed 05/19/03, effective 08/01/03.]

296-817-30015 Use these equations when estimating full-day noise exposure from sound level measurements.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, .040, .050, and .060. 03-11-060 (Order 02-16), § 296-817-30015, filed 05/19/03, effective 08/01/03.]

296-817-400 Summary.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, .040, .050, and .060. 03-11-060 (Order 02-16), § 296-817-400, filed 05/19/03, effective 08/01/03.]

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296-817-40005 Provide audiometric testing at no cost to employees.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, .040, .050, and .060. 03-11-060 (Order 02-16), § 296-817-40005, filed 05/19/03, effective 08/01/03.]

296-817-40010 Establish a baseline audiogram for each exposed employee.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, .040, .050, and .060. 03-11-060 (Order 02-16), § 296-817-40010, filed 05/19/03, effective 08/01/03.]

296-817-40015 Conduct annual audiograms.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, .040, .050, and .060. 03-11-060 (Order 02-16), § 296-817-40015, filed 05/19/03, effective 08/01/03.]

296-817-40020 Review audiograms that indicate a standard threshold shift.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, .040, .050, and .060. 03-11-060 (Order 02-16), § 296-817-40020, filed 05/19/03, effective 08/01/03.]

296-817-40025 Keep the baseline audiogram without revision, unless annual audiograms indicate a persistent threshold shift or a significant improvement in hearing.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, .040, .050, and .060. 03-11-060 (Order 02-16), § 296-817-40025, filed 05/19/03, effective 08/01/03.]

296-817-40030 Make sure a record is kept of audiometric tests.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, .040, .050, and .060. 03-11-060 (Order 02-16), § 296-817-40030, filed 05/19/03, effective 08/01/03.]

296-817-40035 Make sure audiometric testing equipment meets these requirements.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, .040, .050, and .060. 03-11-060 (Order 02-16), § 296-817-40035, filed 05/19/03, effective 08/01/03.]

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296-817-500 Summary.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, .040, .050, and .060. 03-11-060 (Order 02-16), § 296-817-500, filed 05/19/03, effective 08/01/03.]

296-817-50005 Conduct hearing protection audits at least quarterly.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, .040, .050, and .060. 03-11-060 (Order 02-16), § 296-817-50005, filed 05/19/03, effective 08/01/03.]

296-817-50010 Make sure staff conducting audits are properly trained.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, .040, .050, and .060. 03-11-060 (Order 02-16), § 296-817-50010, filed 05/19/03, effective 08/01/03.]

296-817-50015 Assess the hearing protection standard used by each employee during audits.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, .040, .050, and .060. 03-11-060 (Order 02-16), § 296-817-50015, filed 05/19/03, effective 08/01/03.]

296-817-50020 Document your hearing protection audits.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, .040, .050, and .060. 03-11-060 (Order 02-16), § 296-817-50020, filed 05/19/03, effective 08/01/03.]

296-817-50025 Make sure third-party hearing loss prevention programs meet the following requirements.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, .040, .050, and .060. 03-11-060 (Order 02-16), § 296-817-50025, filed 05/19/03, effective 08/01/03.]

296-817-600 Noise definitions.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, .040, .050, and .060. 03-11-060 (Order 02-16), § 296-817-600, filed 05/19/03, effective 08/01/03.]