

Environmental and Occupational Noise

Standard



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1 Introduction

This standard describes the minimum requirements to control noise on Ericsson business to ensure that the Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety aspects are properly managed.

The actions are required when an assessment of noise exposure or a review of such assessment indicates that any employee may be exposed to noise at or above the noise-rating limit.

Where local legislation exceeds requirements in this standard, local legislative requirement shall apply.

2 Requirements

The following standards shall apply:

- noise exposure limits as defined in health and safety legislation are adhered to. In any event, a maximum of 80 dBA shall not be exceeded,
- control measures are used where an assessment indicates that any person may be exposed to noise over the limits above,
- employees use the prescribed hearing protection when required,
- noise control and hearing protection equipment is maintained as per the manufacture's recommendations, and
- training on the risks, use and maintenance of personal protective equipment ("PPE") is provided.

3 Personal Protective Equipment

Correct hearing protection meeting any recognized international standards shall be provided and used as required.

4 Medical fitness and response

Hearing checks shall be provided to all employees who are exposed to noise above the limits in paragraph 2.



5 Risk assessment and planning

A risk assessment shall be carried out to:

- identify the noise hazards, including but not limited to level and time of exposure, through appropriate noise surveys,
- assess the likely exposure of employees to the noise hazard, and
- define in a noise management plan the measures required to eliminate or reduce risks, control exposures, and protect employees.

6 Monitoring and review

Adherence to this standard shall be monitored by reviewing and keeping relevant records of:

- noise measurement statistics,
- noise management plan,
- incident statistics, and
- training.

7 Change information

Summary of changes since last revision:

- 1 Clarification to Instruction
- 2 Clarification to Risk assessment and planning