

## Package I

### Noise Management

#### Introduction

In the UK over two million people are exposed to noise levels at work that may be harmful. Horticulture can be a noisy industry, with employees operating power tools or noisy machinery and working in noisy environments.

Exposure to excessive noise may result in stress, tinnitus and permanent hearing loss and employers have a duty of care to protect their employees from noise injury under The Control of Noise at Work Regulations 2005.

There is a legal obligation to bring in measures if employees are exposed above 80 dB, which include carrying out a noise assessment, providing a choice of hearing protectors and to provide employees with effective training.

Health surveillance must be carried out for employees who are regularly exposed to noise above 85 dB and for those who are at increased risk, such as employees who report a known sensitivity to noise damage or have a family history of early deafness.



This package will ensure that your business meets its statutory requirements for the management and control of noise in the workplace, developing best practice procedures that are specific to your needs.

#### Methodology

GroundsConsulting can provide a full review of noise control in the workplace and implement recommendations to ensure compliance with current noise legislation.



We will examine:

- Noise policy
- Risk assessments
- Measurement of noise (machinery)
- Noise Training
- Personal Protective Equipment suitability
- Health surveillance
- Machinery maintenance and service records
- Control of noise measures

Drawing from this audit, we will write a summary report on our findings. This will highlight areas of Noise non-compliance and give recommendations for corrective actions. In addition, recommendations will also be given for areas of noise control that require improvement.

### **Additional Services**

The team have many years operational experience in the delivery of noise management and can offer additional bespoke services to compliment this package.



These include:

- Provision of Noise policy
- Information, instruction and training
- Predictive risk assessments for noise
- Measurement of noise exposure and identification of risks from exposure to noise
- Development of a noise management programme to reduce noise exposure
- Procurement of quiet machinery and suitable hearing protection
- Health surveillance advice



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