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NOISE: EUROPE vs. USA

Europe's Health and Safety Regulations consider noise levels above 90 dBA a danger and require ear protection. Between 85 - 90 dBA or below (preferably below 80 dBA by today's general acceptance) no special protection is required.

In the USA, the OSHA Standards require ear protection above 85 dBA (a reduction from the previously accepted 90 dBA of the early 1990's). There are no special needs below 85 dBA.