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Occupational Noise Exposure

Hearing loss is more common than you might think. Interestingly, due to recreational, work, and environmental noise, hearing loss is occurring at younger and younger ages. Hearing loss is also one of the fastest growing and most prevalent, chronic conditions facing workers today.

- 22 million workers are exposed to hazardous noise each year.
- Noise above 80-90 decibels, on average, over an 8-hour workday is considered hazardous and can cause damage to your hearing.
- Hearing loss is the third most common complaint among adults after hypertension and arthritis.
- In Canada, hearing loss is second only to arthritis as the most common complaint among adults.
- Only 10% of hearing losses can be helped by surgery or other medical treatment.

