

Noise Hazards – 2023 Year in Review



ALBERTA

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Action Point: Use the OHSI [noise control and hearing conservation program template](#) to protect your workers from hazardous noise exposure.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Feb 8: WorkSafeBC's Board of Directors approved changes to bring workers comp [coverage rules](#) for non-traumatic hearing loss into line with current scientific and medical knowledge and standards.

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QUÉBEC

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Jun 16: New OHS regulations reduce the occupational daily exposure level to hazardous noise on construction sites to 85 dBA for 8 hours of work. CNESST issued new [guidance](#) to help employers protect workers from exposure to excessive noise levels in the workplace and complying with the strict new OELs.

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