

How Loud Is It?

LOGGING

Here are some typical noise exposures in logging. Note: these are examples only and may not apply to your specific worksite. Noise-induced hearing loss results from a combination of high sound levels and extended periods of exposure to sounds above 85 dBA.

Protect your hearing when performing these jobs.

1. Noise Exposure Levels

These are all 8 hour
(or equivalent) exposures

Boom boat	87 dBA
Chokerman	80 dBA
Dozer Op.	97 dBA
Faller	103 dBA
Landingman	108 dBA
Loader Op..	88 dBA
Log Sorter.....	90 dBA
Skidder Op..	99 dBA
Truck Driver.....	91 dBA
Yarder Operator	92 dBA

2. Hearing Protection Devices

Hearing protection should be selected based on evaluating all of the following factors:

- noise exposure (see left)
- communication demands
- hearing ability
- use of other personal protective devices temperature and climate
- physical characteristics of the job or worker.

Noise Exposure Recommended HPD

Less than 90 dBA ..	Class C, Grade 1
Less than 95	Class B, Grade 2
Less than 100	Class A, Grade 3
Less than 105	Class A, Grade 4
Less than 110	Earplugs + Earmuffs

