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| **Related Documents** | NSW Work Health and Safety Act 2011<br>NSW Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011<br>NSW Managing Noise and Preventing Hearing Loss at Work<br>AS/NZS 1269.0.2005 |
| **Relevant delegations** | |
| **Responsible Directorate** | HR/WHS |
| **Responsible officer** | WHS officer |

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## Introduction

This Policy is part of the Brewarrina Shire Council Work, Health and Safety system and reflects Council's commitment to the NSW Work Health and Safety Act 2011.

Brewarrina Shire Council must ensure, so far as reasonably practicable the health and safety of workers while the workers are at work.

Workers have a duty to take reasonable care for their own health and safety and the health and safety of others in the workplace. Workers also have a duty to cooperate with any reasonable policy and procedure relating to health and safety at the workplace.

It is Brewarrina Shire Council responsibility to ensure that there is a procedure for managing the risks of hearing loss associated with noise at the workplace, as described in the NSW Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011 Division 4 Section 56-59

## Aim

The aim of this policy is to manage noise in the workplace by:

- ensuring that the noise a worker is exposed to at the workplace does not exceed the exposure standard for noise
- providing audiometric testing to a worker who is frequently required to use personal hearing protectors to protect the worker from hearing loss associated with noise that exceeds the exposure standard.
- Providing information and training to all workers who are exposed to noise that exceeds the exposure standard for noise.

## Responsibilities

1. **Officers**, have a duty to exercise due diligence to ensure that the Council complies with the WHS Act and Regulations. This includes taking reasonable steps to ensure that Brewarrina Shire Council has and uses appropriate resources and processes to eliminate or minimise risks that arise from noise.

2. **Workers** have a duty to take reasonable care for their own health and safety and that they do not adversely affect the health and safety of other persons. Workers must comply with any reasonable instruction and cooperate with any reasonable policy or procedure relating to health and safety at the workplace. For example, if personal hearing protectors are provided by Council, the worker must use them in accordance with the information, instruction and training provided on their use.

## REFERENCES

NSW Work Health and Safety Act 2011
NSW Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011
NSW Managing Noise and Preventing Hearing Loss at Work
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**Appendices**

1. Noise assessment

**Procedures:**

1. Standard operating procedure for audiometric testing
2. Standard operating procedure conducting noise assessment.