

SECTION SEVENTEEN – POTENTIALLY HARMFUL WORK ENVIRONMENTS

Where there is a risk of illness or injury through exposure to hazards and these cannot be eliminated, we will minimise these risks by monitoring exposure levels and providing the appropriate PPE.

NOISE

Where noise presents a hazard in the workplace, we will ensure work is carried out in accordance with the Approved Code of Practice for the Management of Noise in the Workplace and Best Practice Guidelines.

We will ensure that no worker is exposed to noise above the following levels:

- Eight-hour equivalent continuous A-weighted sound pressure level of 85dB; and
- Peak sound pressure level of 140dB.

Wherever possible, noise levels of existing plant will be reduced by engineering means to achieve the above goals. Where it is not immediately possible to do so by engineering means, exposure duration will be restricted.

All staff will be issued with AS/NZ 1270:2002 Class 5 hearing protection for any work that exceeds noise levels of 85 decibels. Workers will get the option between ear muffs and ear plugs of a Class 5 level. We will ensure workers are educated about noise and trained in how and when to use the hearing protectors. Noise levels on site, may be monitored using a phone decibel app.

Where appropriate we will undergo health monitoring of workers exposed to continuous or peak noise levels.

DUST, AIRBORNE PARTICLES AND HAZARDOUS ATMOSPHERES

Where exposure to dust, airborne particles or hazardous atmospheres presents a hazard in the workplace, we will ensure the workplace is monitored in accordance with Regulations and WorkSafe NZ's fact sheet, which outlines the following steps to be taken:

- Hazards must be identified;
- Risk control methods are developed and used;
- Respiratory protection is provided;
- Air monitoring of the workplace is undertaken as required;
- Workers are trained on the hazards associated with the work they are undertaking;
- Workers are trained on the correct use and maintenance of PPE provided; and
- Warning signs are put in place as required.

Where appropriate we will undergo health monitoring of workers exposed to dust, airborne particles or hazardous atmospheres.

WORKING ALONE

Workers must notify manager or alternative nominated person at least every two hours. The Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) is available, and should be taken for use on any site where cell phone communication is unavailable.