NOISE INDUCED HEARING LOSS

Noise is a common physical hazard at most workplaces. Noise Induced Hearing Loss (NIHL) usually starts at high frequencies and is imperceptible. Over time, if noise is too loud, it can cause permanent hearing loss.

NIHL is completely preventable and is controlled through awareness, training and a variety of other control measures. BCIT has developed a Hearing Conservation Program to minimize employee, student, contractor, and visitor exposure to hazardous sound levels and to ensure compliance with WorkSafeBC regulations. It is made up of three elements: noise control, hearing protection, and industrial audiometry.

The Burnaby campus has an ‘in-house’ audiometric testing facility and a certified Audiometric Technician. Hearing tests are also open to employees who have medical, trauma or age related hearing loss. Employees who are interested in having a test as part of their routine physical or general auditory acuity monitoring are welcome to make use of this service.

Information for audiometric tests on Burnaby campus:

Audiometric Office: NE16 Room 127
Contact No: 604.432.8712
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