

Monash University Policy

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Scope	This policy applies to all staff, students, contractors, tenants and visitors of: - Monash University on the university's Australian campuses, residences and off-campus facilities; and - Monash College Pty Ltd business units on the university's Australian campuses.
Purpose	This policy sets out a framework for the management of occupational and environmental noise exposure in compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004, Environment Protection Act 1970 and the Residential Tenancies Act 1997.
POLICY STATEMENT	

Noise is one of the most common occupational health and safety hazards and is found in many different environments. Prolonged exposure to excessive noise can result in damage to a person's hearing, mental health and quality of life.

This policy stipulates that under the [Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2007](#), Monash University must ensure that its employees are not exposed to noise greater than the noise exposure standard, and under the Environment Protection Act 1970 that the university does not generate environmental noise that might be considered a nuisance or objectionable by those living in the vicinity of the university. In addition, the Residential Tenancies Act 1997 (s.67 Quiet Enjoyment) states that a landlord must take all reasonable steps to ensure that the tenant has quiet enjoyment of the rented premises during the tenancy agreement.

This policy and procedures provide guidance to the university community on the hazards associated with occupational and environmental noise and the control measures to be implemented in order to minimise their impact on health and the disruption to the community.

Supporting Procedures	Noise Exposure and Control Procedures (Australia only)
Responsibility for implementation	Director, OHS & Environment, Buildings and Property Division
Status	New

Approval Body	Academic Quality and Standards policies Name: Meeting: Date: Agenda item:	Operational policies Name: Date:
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Definitions	<p>Environmental Noise: the sum of outdoor sound resulting from transport, industrial and recreational activities.</p> <p>Noise: all sound, whether wanted or unwanted.</p> <p>University Premises: Buildings, land and property owned, leased and or occupied by the university.</p>	
Legislation Mandating Compliance	<p>Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2007 Environment Protection Act 1970. Environment Protection (Vehicle Emissions) Regulations 2013 Residential Tenancies Act 1997</p>	
Related Policies	<p>Occupational Health and Safety Policy State Environment Protection Policy (Control of Music Noise from Public Premises)</p>	
Related Documents	<p>EPA Noise Control Guidelines, EPA Publication 1254</p>	