

Noise Induced Hearing Loss Fact Sheet

- Affects people of all age, sex and race
- Estimated 15% of population, 26 million total, have some form of Noise Induced Hearing Loss (NIHL)
- Symptoms include hearing loss, characterized by distorted or muffled sounds, and tinnitus
- Non-Treatable except for preventing further damage
- Two types
 - Acoustic Trauma – due to one time event
 - Gradual – due to repeated exposure to over 85db noise
- Is 100% preventable
 - Stay away from noise that's too loud, too close, or too long
 - If exposed to over 85db noise, wear hearing protection
- 30 million workers exposed to hazardous noise
- OSHA hearing conservation programs mandatory for workplaces with average noise over 85db over 8 hrs.