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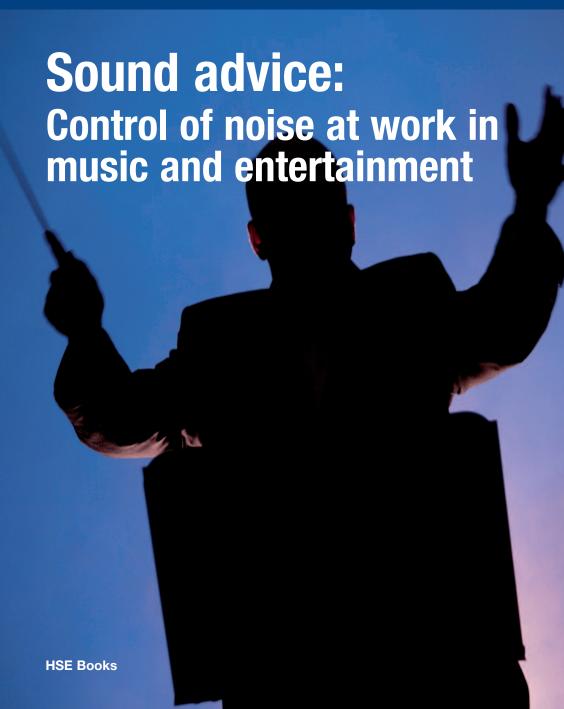
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## Loud music can damage hearing









Regular, long-term exposure to noise can lead to permanent, incurable hearing damage.

You may be at risk of hearing damage from exposure to loud music if you or your staff are musicians, performers, technical staff or others working directly on entertainment. The same may apply to ushers, security, front of house, bar and catering staff etc depending on where they work and how long they are in a noisy environment.

Some performers have had to stop working because of hearing damage: the hearing of performers is critical and needs to be protected.

There are plenty of practical things employers can do without stopping people from enjoying music.



Sound advice

Control of noise at work in music and entertainment



## Sound advice

From April 2008 new controls came into force for music and entertainment workplaces in England, Scotland and Wales, aimed at preventing hearing damage for workers.

HSE's new guidance, *Sound advice* includes practical examples from real life to help everyone in music and entertainment control the risks from noise at work. It explains the general requirements of the Control of Noise at Work Regulations 2005, followed by advice for specific sections of the music and entertainment industry.

The book and related website http://soundadvice.info will be helpful for employers, safety managers, safety representatives, workers and freelancers in music and entertainment, including those working in concert halls and theatres, rock and pop venues, pubs and clubs and studios.

Sound advice has been prepared by representatives from a wide range of music and entertainment interests, including Environmental Health Officers, and the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

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