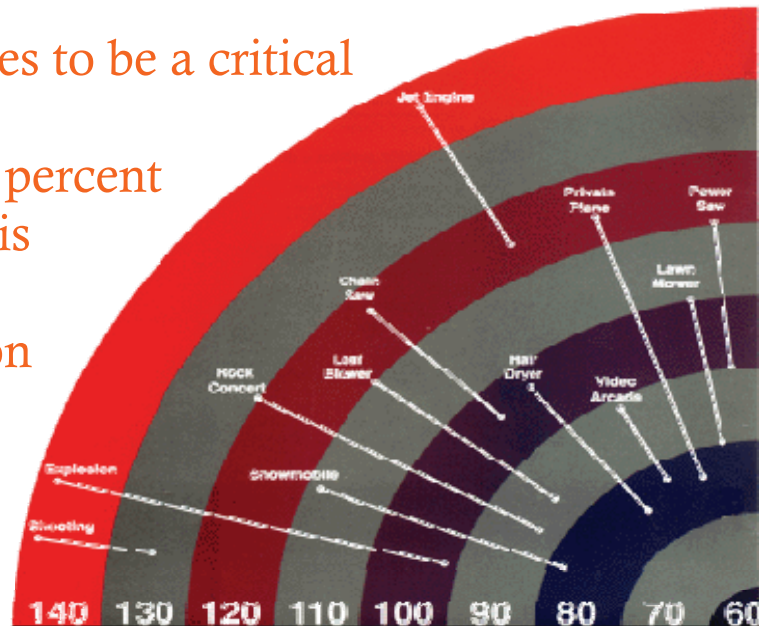


# HEARING PROTECTION

Work related hearing loss continues to be a critical workplace safety and health issue. Noise-induced hearing loss is 100 percent preventable, but once acquired, it is permanent and irreversible. Therefore, the following prevention measures must be taken by employers and employees to protect everyone's hearing in the workplace.



- ◆ Look for ways to reduce hazardous noise through engineering controls.
- ◆ Wear hearing protection when noise exceeds 85 decibels (comfort level).
- ◆ Wear hearing protection at home when performing noisy jobs.
- ◆ Have hearing tested if you feel that you are losing partial hearing.
- ◆ Don't expose yourself to excessive noise on the job or off the job.
- ◆ Report excessive noise to management if you feel that repairs or controls can reduce the noise levels.

**What you don't hear - can't hurt you??**