

# PORTABLE HEARING CONSERVATION PROGRAM

## Monitoring Employees with Noise Exposure

Noise-induced hearing loss is a common but preventable work-related condition.

WorkCare provides a comprehensive hearing conservation program for employees at risk of exposure to sudden, loud sounds or who experience prolonged noise on the job. The program features:

- Convenient onsite, mobile and off-site audiometric testing
- Medical monitoring by occupational health physicians
- Hearing exam scheduling, results tracking and recordkeeping

### Testing

NEW! For onsite testing, WorkCare clients have the option of using a clinically validated, portable audiometer for testing. The device complies with OSHA 29 CFR 19010.95 and ANSI 23.6 standards and is listed as a Class II medical device by the U.S. FDA and Health Canada. The device is optimized for use in a quiet room or mobile unit – outside of a traditional sound booth. Tablet audiometry and paperless data management make it easy to transport, set up and use.

WorkCare also schedules hearing exams for employees with preferred off-site and mobile test providers throughout the U.S.

### Physician Review

WorkCare physicians review baseline and periodic test results to identify standard threshold shifts in hearing. In some cases, an employee may be referred for additional testing or to a hearing specialist for follow-up. WorkCare consults with employers on hearing conservation program measures, including the use of personal protection, and staff training.

### Data Management

A dedicated software platform is used to manage hearing conservation program data. This includes OSHA recordkeeping, storage of baseline and periodic annual exam results for the duration of employment, and centralized billing and auditing.



### Did You Know?

- Of the estimated 22 million U.S. employees exposed to hazardous noise, more than half report not wearing hearing protection
- A hearing conservation program is required when noise exposure equals/exceeds an 8-hour time-weighted average level of 85 decibels
- Severe hearing loss is associated with \$300,000 in societal costs over a person's lifetime, with 67% attributed to lost productivity
- Among all industry types, the rate of reported work-related hearing loss cases was 14 per 10,000 U.S. private industry employees in 2021

### Customization

We tailor our program to each customer's needs. Options include:

- Delivery of onsite hearing conservation events by WorkCare staff
- Employer purchase or lease of OSHA-compliant testing equipment including software, iPad, calibrated headphones and Class II external microphone (included with WorkCare program administration)

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