

NOISE FROM CONSTRUCTION SITES

The Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997 (the Regulations) set the requirements in relation to noise from construction work on construction sites.

The Regulations set assigned (allowable) levels for noise received at various types of premises. However, the Regulations create a number of special cases where noise emissions may not be required to meet these assigned levels. One of the special cases is construction noise.

When dealing with construction sites under Regulation 13, the assigned noise levels set in Regulations 7 and 8 do not apply to noise emitted from construction work, provided certain good noise control practices are implemented.

Construction work is permitted between 7am and 7pm on any day which is not a Sunday or public holiday.

A 'construction site' means premises or public places on which the sole or principal activity is the carrying out of construction work;

'Construction work' is defined in detail to include the construction, erection, installation, alteration, repair, maintenance, cleaning, painting, renewal, removal, excavation, dismantling or demolition of, or addition to, any building or structure, and also includes:

- work on which a hoisting appliance or any scaffold or shoring is used; or
- work in driving or extracting piles, sheet piles or trench sheet; or
- work in laying any pipe or work in lining pipe that is done at or adjacent to the place where the pipe is laid or to be laid; or
- work in sinking or lining or altering, repairing, maintaining, renewing, removing, or dismantling a well or borehole; or
- reclamation or site works including road works and earth works; or
- the removal or reinstatement of vegetation or topsoil for the purpose of or in relation to a mining operation; or
- Tunnelling.

For further details or to discuss concerns about noise pollution, please call the City on 1300 422 664.