

NOISE FROM MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Musical instruments such as guitars and drums are classified by the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997 as specified equipment, which is any equipment that needs the constant presence of an operator for normal use.

Regulations/Restrictions on using musical instruments Musical instrument may be used:

- for not more than one (1) hour in any day.
- between the hours of 7:00am and 7:00 pm Monday to Saturday or 9:00 am to 7:00 pm Sunday and Public Holidays.
- The regulations relating to the practice of a musical instrument does not confer approval for band rehearsals or performances of a smaller nature.

Actions you can take

All practice of musical instruments cannot be accompanied by recorded or broadcasted amplified music or sounds as this amplified noise does not have any exemptions.

If noise from a musical instrument is causing you concern, you may find it helpful to take one or more of the following steps;

- Speak to the person using the musical equipment to make them aware that it causes you concern. It may be helpful to let the person know that it affects you, as they may not realise it causes you concern, and it gives them the opportunity to change their actions.
- See whether or not you can come to an agreement on the time of the day at which the instrument is played, or for how long it is used.
- Should the use of the equipment still be unreasonable, please be advised that the City of Canning's Noise Officers can only take further action if there is evidence that:
 - 1. Any of the restrictions mentioned above relating to the use of musical instruments have not been complied with.
 - 2. The musical instrument has been operated for longer than one hour at sound levels that exceed the assigned noise levels specified by the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997.
- You may also lodge a complaint with the WA Police on 131 444.

Role of Council's Health Service

Council's Noise Officers may be able to assist in helping to resolve noise issues between neighbours. Noise complaints are investigated by Council's Noise Officers to help ensure, noise from musical instruments does not affect the health, comfort, or convenience of any person, should their use or operation fail to comply with the requirements of the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997.

For further details please contact the City of Canning Environmental Health services on 1300 422 664.