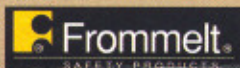
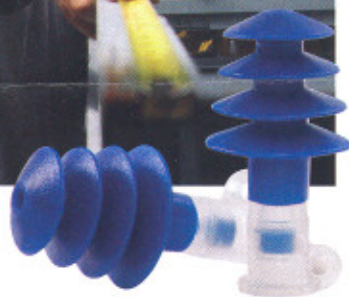
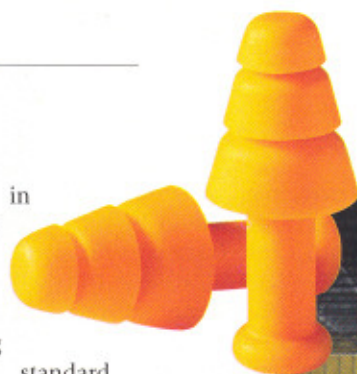


a regular basis. Without accurate records, you have no way of assessing progress or rectifying problems. Thus, accurate records of noise exposure levels and of all audiometric tests must be kept.

And don't forget to post a copy of OSHA's hearing regulations at the work-site. Nearly three-fourths of OSHA's recordkeeping violations in Hearing

Conservation in the past five years were for simply not having a copy of the Hearing Conservation standard posted in the workplace. (Posters of the standard are available from several



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NIHL IS NOT JUST IN THE WORKPLACE

Finally, it should be noted that noise-induced hearing loss does not just happen in the workplace. Noise from a rock concert, lawnmower or chainsaw can cause just as much hearing damage as a lathe or grinding machine, and an effective Hearing Conservation Program should seek to make workers aware of all noise hazards. Include leisure-based activities in training sessions and encourage employees to take earplugs home. The added HPD expense will easily be offset by healthier, more productive employees.

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