

Dangerous Decibel

The Bad News:

- Approximately 30 million Americans are affected by hearing loss. 50 million have tinnitus: an early indicator of hearing loss.
- 5.2 million 6-19 year olds have hearing loss directly related to noise exposure. (3rd National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, Niskar et al. 2000)
- "... over the last 10 years, the percentage of 2nd graders with hearing loss has increased 2.8 times; hearing loss in 8th graders has increased over 4 times." (Montgomery and Fujukawa 1992)

The Good News:

- NOISE-INDUCED HEARING LOSS CAN BE PREVENTED!



The Dangerous Decibels mission is to significantly reduce the prevalence of noise-induced hearing loss and tinnitus (ringing in the ear) through exhibits, educational outreach, and research.

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