



WASHINGTON STATE LOGGER SAFETY INITIATIVE

Keeping Washington loggers safe.

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The Logger Safety Initiative program received a request for information on noise exposure in logging.

WorkSafe BC published ([How Loud Is It? Logging](#)) which provides typical noise exposures for different logging occupations.

Remember noise-induced hearing loss results from a combination of high sound levels and extended periods exposures to sounds above 85 dBA. Noise exposures vary by environmental conditions, and equipment used. From the BC data, a faller experiences exposures of 103 dBA over an 8 hour exposure period and a yarder operator experiences noise exposures of 92 dBA – these exposures are too high.

L&I's Division of Occupational Safety and Health has created an online training course for [Personal Protective Equipment in Logging](#); this includes noise exposure levels for cutters, operators, and chasers. It provides recommendations for hearing protection.