## **Hearing Matters Quick Tips**

Hearing Conservation is often scoffed or ignored. However, the significance of your ability to identify sounds, then translate, interpret, and associate those noises is crucial to many aspects of your life.



#### **Distracting Dilemma**

- Tinnitus and Hearing Loss
  - Constant Ringing pulls attention
  - Inability to hear alarms/alerts kills
  - o Conversations become Frustrating
  - o Decreased Social Satisfaction
  - Decreased Quality of Life



- ✓ Check Daily
- ✓ Clean when dirty
- ✓ Replace when damaged or not working

#### About more than just Listening

- ❖ The Vestibularcochlear Nerve controls proprioception
  - Senses equilibrium of the body and head
  - Senses pressure changes
  - Senses linear acceleration
  - Senses rotary movements
  - Senses gravitational pull



# Hearing loss is permanent!

For Accurate NRR:

Subtract 7, then

Divide by 2

TRUE HEARING PROTECTION

To Maximize, select Hearing Protection

with best fit.

Damage to these structures and nerves leads to Increased Risk of Slips, Trips,

and Falls at home and at work.

Unstable Movements

Virtigo

Nausea



Remove Hearing Protection SLOWLY to prevent sudden pressure changes

### **ALWAYS BE SAFE - PROTECT YOURSELF!**

- Monitoring starts @ 85 dBA for 8-hr TWA
- BE SELFISH, PROTECT YOURSELF AROUND ANY CONSTANT or LOUD NOISE!

Feed Your Ears! Eat Foods High In: Magnesium - Zinc - Potassium - Folate - Vitamin D

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