Hearing Loss Statistics



Hearing loss is a major problem in the UK...

More than **UK** citizens suffer from hearing loss, that's

7.1 million adults in the UK are living with tinnitus

Around

More than 900,000 people are severely or profoundly deaf

And it's set to get worse...

Will suffer hearing loss by 2035

The World Health Organisation predicts that by 2030 adult onset hearing loss will be in the top ten disease burdens in the UK, above cataracts and diabetes.



Noise-induced hearing loss at work in the UK...

Noise-induced hearing loss is the **second most** common reason for occupational health-related employers' liability insurance claims.



Exposed above the **LOWER** exposure action value



Exposed above the UPPER exposure action value

Suffer deafness, tinnitus or other ear conditions in the UK.

New cases of work-related hearing problems estimated in the UK from 2017/18 to 2019/20.

up 72% from previous year

NEW claims awarded **Industrial Injuries** Disablement Benefit in 2019.

But it can be prevented...

NOISE-INDUCED HEARING LOSS (NIHL)

Is one of the biggest occupational health problems facing us today.

NIHL is permanent and irreversible but PREVENTAB



NIHL is a long latency disease that is difficult to estimate accurately.

NIHL disease occurs mainly

1:225 woman to man ratio of developing NIHL in the last 10 years

Highest rates of NIHL occur in energy and extraction, construction and manufacturing industries

NIHL FACTS



- Takes time to develop
- Causes no pain, visible trauma or scars
- Is unnoticeable in its infancy stage
- Accumulates with every over exposure
- Is permanent and 100% preventable

- *Source: HSE: Noise Topic Inspection Pack www.hse.gov.uk/foi/internalops/fod/inspect/noise.pdf
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