

Hearing Loss Statistics

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

More than **12 million** UK citizens suffer from hearing loss, that's **1 in 5**



7.1 million adults in the UK are living with tinnitus

Around **8 million** are aged **60** or over



About **4.4 million** are of working age (**16 – 64**)



More than **900,000** people are severely or profoundly deaf

And it's set to get worse... **14.2 million** 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.

2 million

Exposed above the **LOWER** exposure action value

1 million

Exposed above the **UPPER** exposure action value

170,000 Suffer deafness, tinnitus or other ear conditions in the UK.

17,000 New cases of work-related hearing problems estimated in the UK from 2017/18 to 2019/20.

95 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

100% PREVENTABLE



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

NIHL disease occurs mainly in men

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

