

Musical Instruments

Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997

If you wish to play a musical instrument that can be heard outside your property, please ensure that you protect your neighbours from unreasonable noise disturbance. Under the *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997* playing a loud musical instrument is permissible provided that it is used in a reasonable manner and is not played for more than one hour per day.

Use your musical instrument in a reasonable manner

Ensure that resulting noise from your instrument does not unreasonably interfere with the comfort or amenity of your neighbours:

- Play the instrument in a suitable room with all the windows and doors closed (A metal shed does not constitute a suitable room as it provides insufficient reduction of the noise.)
- Play the instrument at the lowest volume possible.
- In the case of drum kits, sound off pads, cymbal silencers and hot sticks are recommended.
- Electric guitars should have the amplifier turned down to the lowest level.

Play your musical instrument for no more than one hour per day

You may play your instrument for one hour per day at the following times:

- between 7.00am and 7.00pm Monday to Saturday inclusive; and
- between 9.00am and 7.00pm on a Sunday or public holiday.

Be a good neighbour

It is a good idea to talk to your neighbours and let them know that you intend to practice a musical instrument. Ask them to let you know if they can hear your music and whether it disturbs them. You might be able to arrange specific times when your neighbours are happy for you to play your instrument and your demonstrated goodwill may avert tension and avoid complaints.

Further information

You may wish to visit the following website:

State Law Publishers www.slp.wa.gov.au and follow the links to the links to the *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997*.