

Specified Equipment

Summary of Regulation 14 of Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997

This information sheet provides a summary of the conditions which apply to “specified equipment”, as set out in the *Environmental (Noise) Regulations 1997*.

Definition

“Specified equipment” is any equipment which requires the constant presence of an operator for normal use. It includes many common household items, such as lawn mowers, power tools, basketballs and musical instruments.

Noise from specified equipment typically exceeds the assigned noise levels set out in the regulations. The assigned levels do not apply providing:

1. The specified equipment is used:
 - between 7.00am and 7.00pm, Monday to Saturday; or
 - between 9.00am and 7.00pm on a Sunday or Public Holiday.
2. The specified equipment is not used for more than:
 - two hours per day; or
 - one hour per day if it is a musical instrument.
3. The specified equipment must be used in a reasonable manner and the noise emitted must not unreasonably interfere with the health, welfare, convenience, comfort or amenity of an occupier of premises receiving the noise. Determining whether or not a noise is unreasonable is at the discretion of the Environmental Health Officer.

Further information

If you wish to discuss a noise concern, please contact one of the City’s Environmental Health Officers on **9400 4933**.

You may also wish to visit the following web site to obtain further information on the Regulations:

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