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# **FOOD & BEVERAGE** INDUSTRY NOISE







\*Per 10,000 full-time workers<sup>4</sup>

85 decibels

or above, is considered hazardous noise

## **1.64M**+

# of workers in U.S. food and beverage manufacturing<sup>2</sup>



Hearing loss rates are almost twice as high in food production as manufacturing overall<sup>3</sup>



### Unprotected exposure to hazardous noise results in **NOISE-INDUCED HEARING LOSS** (NIHL)

NIHL is the most common occupational disease in the U.S.

#### **NIHL Hurts Workers:**

- Impairs communication with family, public, coworkers
- Leads to social isolation, withdrawal
- Reduces quality of life
- Diminishes ability to monitor work environment
- Reduces productivity
- Increases accident risk
- Incurs lifelong expenses for hearing aids
- Increases risk of high blood pressure, high cholesterol, heart disease



NIHL is caused by:Prolonged and/or repeated

exposure to hazardous noise

- A single high-intensity impulse
- noise exposure



PAINLESS PERMANENT PROGRESSIVE **PREVENTABLE** 

#### **Effects of NIHL:**

- Temporary hearing loss
- Permanent hearing loss
- Unrelenting tinnitus (ringing in the ears)

#### **100%** PREVENTABLE OCCUPATIONAL HEARING LOSS IS ENTIRELY PREVENTABLE WITH TODAY'S HEARING LOSS PREVENTION STRATEGIES AND TECHNOLOGY

### **TIPS**

#### Protecting Food & Beverage workers' hearing is vital

- Offer various types of hearing protectors so workers can select a personally comfortable, effective solution
- Offer various sizes of earplugs to fit each individual's unique ear canal size, shape
- Educate your workforce so everyone knows the importance and proper use of hearing protection
- Conduct earplug fit-testing to ensure workers learn how to properly fit earplugs for complete protection

**SOLUTIONS** 



Single-use, economical, metal detectable earplugs



Push-in Foam, 5-day reusable, metal detectable earplugs



Reusable, triple-flange, metal detectable earplugs, ideal for 24 weeks use



Reusable, quad-flange, metal detectable earplugs, ideal for 24 weeks use



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