

# **SASK OH&S NOISE REGULATIONS**

## **What is a Hearing Conservation Program?**

An effective Hearing Conservation Program (HCP) is much more than a box full of earplugs in the locker room.

The Saskatchewan OH&S Regulations PART VIII has a clear outline of what is required of workplaces where the noise is 80 dB or over.

## **What are the first steps?**

- Measure the noise
- Post caution signs
- Take reasonable steps to reduce the noise level
- Minimize the workers' noise exposure
- Document the steps taken

## **If you cannot reduce the noise level, you must then:**

- Provide appropriate hearing protection
- Educate workers about noise hazards and preventing noise-induced hearing loss
- Train workers in the selection, use and maintenance of the protectors
- Arrange for hearing testing - baseline and every 24 months during working hours with appropriate counselling and follow-up

## **Workplaces with 10 or more noise-exposed workers shall:**

- Develop a written HCP
- Implement the plan and appoint a supervisor to oversee it