

Musicians Hearing Passport

The Musicians Union working in partnership with the Musicians Hearing Services has developed a hearing health surveillance scheme. The Musicians Hearing Passport is the freelance musician's key to ensuring that your hearing is protected and that you are in compliance with the Control of Noise at Work Regulations 2005 (CNAR).

With the introduction of the CNAR, effective in April 2008 for the Music and Entertainment Sectors, there is a clear emphasis on the requirement of employers to provide hearing health surveillance. Recognising that freelance musicians will not have access to this provision the Union has developed the Musicians Hearing Passport.

What is the purpose of the Musicians Hearing Passport?

- To increase awareness of the risk of hearing damage
- To publicise the provision of health surveillance among freelancers
- To reduce the risk of hearing damage
- To promote the use of hearing protection when necessary
- To ensure that hearing protection is used properly

The Musicians Hearing Passport will also include details of certified training and health surveillance undertaken by the freelancer provided by qualified audiologists at selected locations throughout the UK.

What can I expect when I enrol on the Scheme?

Hearing Health Surveillance and full aural examination

- Otoscopic examination of the ear for pathologies/abnormalities of the ear canal
- Examination of the tympanic membrane for abnormalities
- Examination of the outer ear (pinna)

Full audiogram, audiological assessment

- Extended pure tone audiogram at all audiometric frequencies
- High frequency audiometry
- Advice on living with tinnitus and tinnitus mechanisms
- Advice on tinnitus management and ENT

Report on results

- Full description and explanation of results with general indications
- Written report to related professionals, GP, employer etc (only at the request of the client / with clients permission) (referral if necessary)
- Automatic regular call backs

Audiological / medical history

- Audiological history including family history where relevant
- Related general history in line with Hearing Aid Council criteria

Advice and training on hearing

- Explanation and advice on current hearing and implications for hearing protection
- Information and advice on current hearing protection and selecting the correct attenuation
- Provision of custom made earplugs at a special price for MU members
- Option of discounted gel moulded earplugs
- Information on hearing health surveillance

Additional benefits

- Enrolment for health surveillance
- Training in the proper use of hearing protection and the risk of hearing damage
- Assistance in estimating your daily noise exposure in order to assess your likely personal risk of hearing damage (www.hse.gov.uk/noise/calculator)

Further reference: www.soundadv

you will be issued with your own
A5 size card, with your name, date
of birth and details of your
Musicians Hearing Services. This
is part of a national hearing health
surveillance scheme and that
provides training, advice and information
on the Control of Noise at Work Regulations Hearing Health

Members of the Musicians Union at the

020 7486 1053 or 020 7323 2076
of the Musicians Union and that
provides hearing health surveillance.

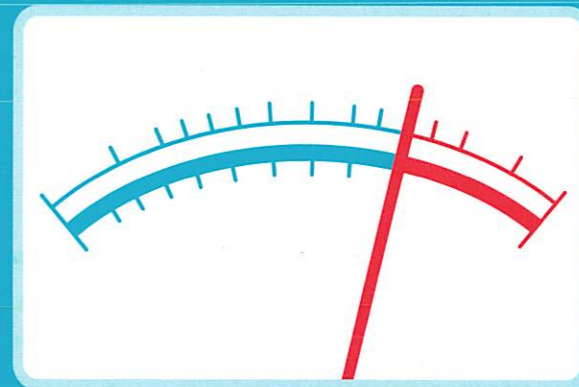


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*MU working in partnership with, the British Association of Performing Arts Medicine and the Musicians
Hearing Services offering a hearing health surveillance scheme supported by the Health & Safety
Executive and enabling freelance musicians to comply with the Control of Noise at Work Regulations 2005.*

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protecting your musical future