

RECORD OF NOISE FORM GUIDELINE

A record of noise assists the Environmental Health Officer to determine whether the type, frequency and duration of noise is unreasonable. Generally, a record of 14 days will demonstrate whether there is a pattern of unreasonable noise, however shorter periods will be accepted in certain circumstances.

This **log may need to be presented in a court of law** and should accurately record the noise nuisance as it affects you, providing as much information as possible. This information should identify the source (property address). This information may be used to determine the most appropriate method and time to measure the noise.

The last column of the noise log asks for a description of how the noise affects you and may be needed to assist in proving a noise nuisance is occurring and how it affects you as a result. It is recommended that you give an assessment of how much the noise on each occasion affects you, rated from *Level 1* the lowest, to *Level 3* the highest.

A definition of the three levels is given below as a guide:

Level 1 Noise

- Can be heard regularly and identifiable as coming from the premises of concern
- Is obtrusive and irritating

Level 2 Noise

- Can be clearly heard regularly and identifiable as coming from the premises of concern
- Is obtrusive and irritating
- Can be heard above the television, and/or makes it difficult to study
- Can be heard inside the house with all doors and windows closed, is frequently occurring or for long periods

Level 3 Noise

- Can be clearly heard regularly and identifiable as coming from the premises of concern
- Is obtrusive and irritating
- Can be heard above the television, and/or makes it difficult to study
- Can be heard inside the house with all doors and windows closed
- Prevents me from sleeping, or has a frequency (tone) that is grating or upsetting

Thank you for your assistance with this matter, should you require further advice please do not hesitate to contact the City's Health Service on 9397 3000.