

# Environmental Health in the Industry

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# Definition of Industrial Hygiene

Industrial hygiene is the science of anticipating, recognizing, evaluating and controlling workplace conditions that may cause workers' injury or illness.



# Physical Hazard in Industry

Physical hazards represent potential for accident or injury or illness due to repetitive exposure to mechanical action or work activity.

Rotating and Moving  
Equipment

Vibration

Noise

Lighting

# Physical Hazard in Industry

## Rotating and Moving Equipment

Cases that might happen:

- Trapped,
- Entangled, or
- Struck by machinery parts

Recommended protective measures include:

- Designing machines to eliminate trap hazards
- Turning off, disconnecting, isolating machine



Picture Credit:  
<https://www.bilfinger.com/leistungen/engineering-maintenance/bre-bilfinger-rotating-equipment/>

# Physical Hazard in Industry

## Vibration

- Lower back pain
- Motion sickness and
- Bone damage



Whole-Body vibration (WBV)



Hand-arm vibration (HAV)

- White finger
- Carpal tunnel syndrome
- Sensory nerve damage and
- Muscle and joint damage in the hands and arms

# Physical Hazard in Industry

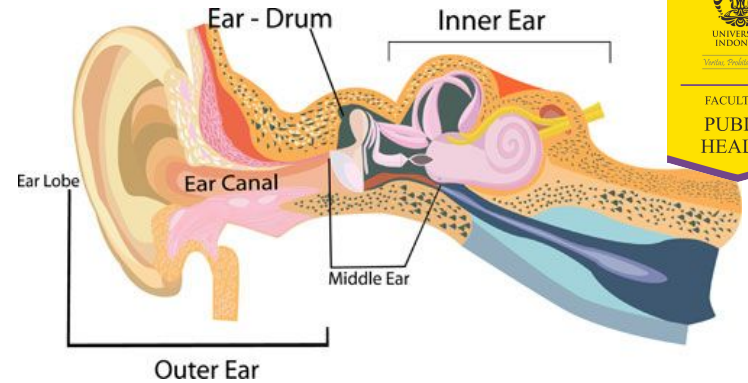
## Noise

### Auditory Effects

- Conductive hearing loss
- Sensorineural hearing loss
- Mixed hearing loss
- Auditory neuropathy spectrum disorder



















### Non Auditory Effects

- Psychological disorders
- Physiological Disorders
- Communication interruption





# Chemical Hazard in Industry

Chemical	Hazard	GHS symbol
HF	Corrosive, Acute toxicity	 
TBP	Harmful, Health Hazard, Corrosive	  
Kerosene	Flammable Liquid, Health hazard	   
Hydrogen	Explosive	  
Potassium Cyanide	Acute Toxic health hazard, corrosive	  
Toxic elements like Se, Te	Acute toxicity	 
Zirconium powder	Pyrophoric Solid	

## Prevent Childhood Lead Poisoning

Exposure to lead can seriously harm a child's health.



Damage to the brain  
and nervous system



Slowed growth  
and development



Learning and  
behavior problems



Hearing and  
speech problems

This can cause:

- Lower IQ
- Decreased ability to pay attention
- Underperformance at school



Lead can be found throughout a child's environment.

# Biological Hazard in Industry

Biological agents should be classified into six groups:

**Contact with infected living animals**

**Contact with contaminated animal products**

**Tick, flea, or mite bite**

**Contact with human or animal waste**

**Contact with infected patient or blood**

**Raising dust containing pathogens**



# Biological Hazard in Industry

Example of biological hazard from raising dust containing pathogens

Occupations	Contact with contaminated animal products	Diseases
Animal Breeder, animal caretaker, animal scientist, butcher, farmer and rancher, farmworker, hunter and trapper, laboratory animal worker, meat packer, slaughterer, veterinarian	Handling of infected animal carcasses or placental tissues	Anthrax, brucellosis, Crimean Congo hemorrhagic fever, glanders, Hendra and Nipah virus infection, leptospirosis, Newcastle disease, plague, psittacosis, Q fever, Rift valley fever, <i>S. suis</i> infection, tularemia
Grader and sorter, freight handler, packer	Handling of raw goat hair, wool, or hides from endemic areas	Anthrax

# A safe working environment

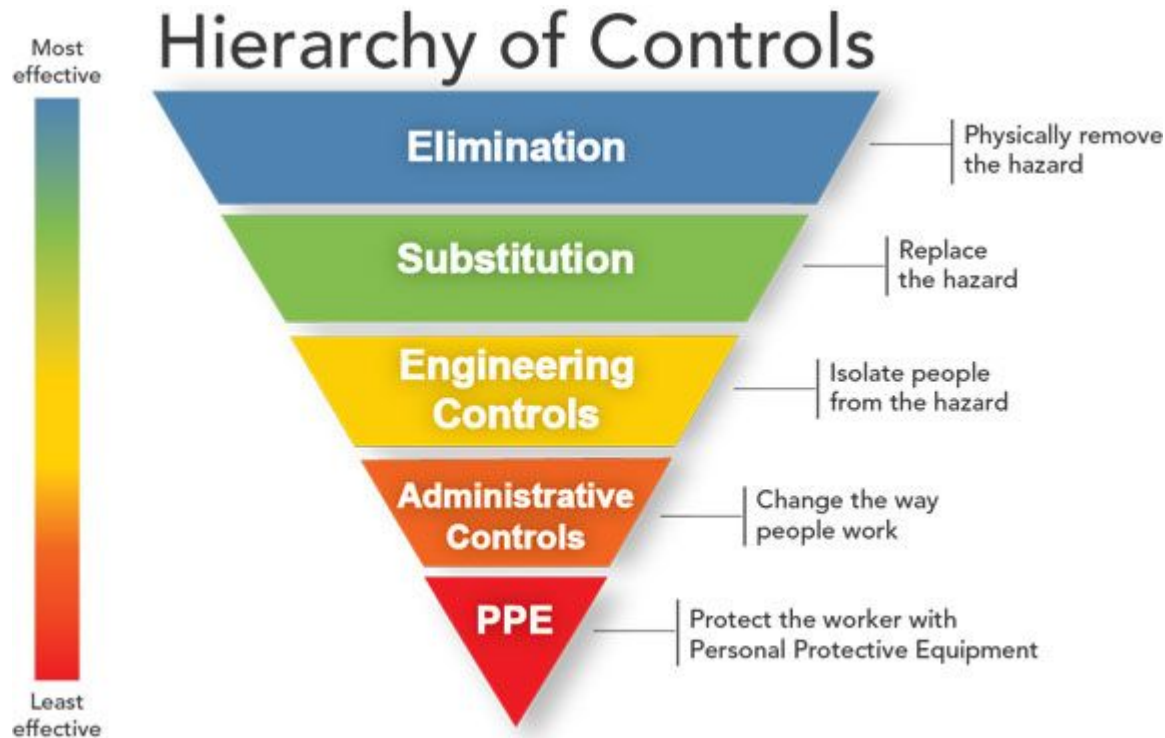
## Physical hazard

Period of Exposure per day (hour)	Noise Level (dB)
8	0,1
4	0,2
2	0,4
1	0,8

## Chemical hazard

**Table 1.1.1: WHO Ambient Air Quality Guidelines<sup>7,8</sup>**

	Averaging Period	Guideline value in $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
Sulfur dioxide ( $\text{SO}_2$ )	24-hour	125 (Interim target-1) 50 (Interim target-2) 20 (guideline)
	10 minute	500 (guideline)
Nitrogen dioxide ( $\text{NO}_2$ )	1-year	40 (guideline)
	1-hour	200 (guideline)
Particulate Matter $\text{PM}_{10}$	1-year	70 (Interim target-1) 50 (Interim target-2) 30 (Interim target-3) 20 (guideline)
	24-hour	150 (Interim target-1) 100 (Interim target-2) 75 (Interim target-3) 50 (guideline)
Particulate Matter $\text{PM}_{2.5}$	1-year	35 (Interim target-1) 25 (Interim target-2) 15 (Interim target-3) 10 (guideline)
	24-hour	75 (Interim target-1) 50 (Interim target-2) 37.5 (Interim target-3) 25 (guideline)
Ozone	8-hour daily maximum	160 (Interim target-1) 100 (guideline)



## Hierarchy of Control for Hazards

# Personal Protective Equipment



To reduce noise  
for 25-30 dB



To reduce noise  
for 30-40 dB