



Listen for Danger

All work locations are filled with various sounds and noises. Each sound we hear is the result of an action of a worker using a tool or piece of equipment, or the sounds of operating process equipment. In nearly every case, a tool or piece of equipment will signal its breakdown by a change in the normal operating sound. Everyone should condition themselves to be able to pick up these advance warning signals even when wearing ear plugs or muffs. Your individual safety could easily be dependent on your ability to hear approaching danger.

How to Improve Listening Safety Habits:

- Become acquainted with the proper operational sounds of equipment and tools.
 - If something doesn't sound right, investigate the issue or tell your supervisor.
- Listen closely to instructions.
- Ask questions if instructions are unclear or confusing.
- Avoid distractions and stay alert.

Although it may be easier to see danger than it is to hear it, your ears are able to perceive warning signals from all around you. Your eyes are only good in the direction you are looking. Fine tune your ears and you can fine tune your exposure to danger and injury.

Remember: "No task is so important that it be done at the risk of Safety."