

FACT SHEET

Noise from Specified Equipment

Summary of Regulation 14 of Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997

This information sheet is designed to summarise the conditions that apply to “specified equipment” as described in the *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997*.

Definition:

“Specified equipment” is any equipment that requires the constant presence of an operator for normal use. Includes many common household items like lawnmowers, electric drills, basketballs and musical instruments.

It is understood that noise from specified equipment generally exceeds the assigned levels set in the regulations; therefore these assigned levels do not apply, **provided:**

1) The equipment is used –

- Between 7am and 7pm Monday to Saturday; or
- Between 9am and 7pm on a Sunday or Public Holiday.

Noise emitted from specified equipment outside of these hours must meet the assigned levels. To judge whether a noise emission exceeds the assigned levels, as a general rule, if you can hear the noise past your property boundary, it exceeds the assigned levels.

2) The equipment must not be used –

- For more than two hours per day; or
- One hour per day if it is a musical instrument.

3) The specified equipment must be used in a reasonable manner and the noise emitted must not unreasonably interfere with the health, welfare, convenience, comfort or amenity of an occupier of premises receiving the noise. Whether or not the noise emission unreasonably interferes is up to the discretion of the Environmental Health Officer.

NOTE: The City’s Environmental Health Officer can make a determination as to whether a noise emission is unreasonable or not.

More Information

Contact the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Environmental Health Team.