

Neighbourhood Noise Information Guide

The *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997* specify allowable sound levels that should not be exceeded.

These sound levels vary dependant on the time of the day and the day of the week. Noise can be described as unwanted sound and may be considered unreasonable when it exceeds these sound levels.

Under the *Environmental Protection Act* it is an offence to create unreasonable noise. Regulations made under the Act allow for different maximum levels of noise at certain times depending on when it is most likely to be a nuisance.

For example loud noise late at night or very early in the morning is more likely to be unreasonable than noise during the day.

If you are concerned about unwanted noise, the first step is to locate the noise source. If a neighbour is creating the noise, all that may be required to resolve the matter is a friendly approach towards your neighbour. However, if you cannot resolve the matter or feel uncomfortable approaching your neighbour, please contact either:

- a. 24 hour Police Assistance 131 444 for one off events such as loud parties.
- b. The City of Armadale 9394 5000 for ongoing or regular events.

Roosters and Other Noisy Birds

Are there any restrictions on the types of birds I can keep on my property?

Roosters, peafowl, guinea fowl, turkey and geese cannot be kept on any land unless it is zoned rural. Other noisy birds such as certain cockatoo and parrot species listed in the City's local laws may only be kept if the City has issued a permit. Regardless, if a permit has been issued or not, if any aviary or pet birds are found to be causing a nuisance or are emitting unreasonable noise, a notice may be issued to take whatever actions that are necessary to prevent the emission of unreasonable noise.

Do You Need Further Information?

Should you require any further information regarding neighbourhood noise, visit the City's website or contact one of the City's Environmental Health Officers.

Please note this information sheet is intended as a guide only.

Should you wish to view a copy of the relevant legislation, the *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997*, visit the State Law Publishers website www.slp.wa.gov.au