



Noise and Dust Control Policy

Policy Statement

Johnston Vulcanising and Services Ltd. is committed to protecting the health and safety of all employees, contractors, and visitors by implementing effective measures to control noise and dust exposure in compliance with UK law, including the Control of Noise at Work Regulations 2005 and the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations 2002.

Scope

This policy applies to all employees and contractors of Johnston Vulcanising and Services Ltd., including those involved in quarrying, vulcanising activities, construction projects, sites, and offices in the UK.

Responsibilities

- **Senior Management:** Ensure overall compliance with noise and dust control regulations, provide necessary resources for implementing control measures, and promote a culture of health and safety.
- **Health and Safety Officer:** Oversee the implementation and monitoring of noise and dust control measures, conduct risk assessments, and provide training and guidance.
- **Managers and Supervisors:** Ensure staff follow noise and dust control procedures, conduct regular inspections, and report any concerns or incidents.
- **All Employees and Contractors:** Comply with noise and dust control procedures, use protective equipment correctly, report any issues, and participate in relevant training and awareness programs.

Procedures

1. **Risk Assessment**
 - Conduct thorough risk assessments to identify sources of noise and dust in the workplace.
 - Evaluate the levels of exposure and assess potential health risks to employees.
 - Document and review risk assessments regularly.
2. **Noise Control Measures**
 - Implement engineering controls to reduce noise at the source, such as using quieter machinery, installing sound barriers, and maintaining equipment.
 - Use administrative controls, such as scheduling noisy tasks during off-peak hours and rotating employees to minimize exposure.
 - Provide appropriate hearing protection equipment (e.g., earplugs, earmuffs) and ensure employees are trained in their correct use and maintenance.
 - Monitor noise levels regularly to ensure compliance with legal limits.
3. **Dust Control Measures**
 - Implement engineering controls to reduce dust at the source, such as using water suppression, local exhaust ventilation, and enclosed systems.



- Use administrative controls, such as housekeeping practices to minimize dust accumulation and implementing work practices to reduce dust generation.
 - Provide appropriate respiratory protective equipment (RPE) and ensure employees are trained in their correct use and maintenance.
 - Monitor dust levels regularly to ensure compliance with legal limits and conduct air quality assessments.
- 4. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**
- Provide and maintain suitable PPE for employees exposed to noise and dust.
 - Ensure PPE is properly fitted, used, and maintained according to the manufacturer's instructions.
 - Conduct regular checks to ensure PPE is in good condition and replaced as necessary.
- 5. Training and Awareness**
- Provide training for all employees and contractors on the risks associated with noise and dust exposure and the importance of control measures.
 - Include noise and dust control training as part of the induction process for new employees.
 - Conduct regular refresher training and update employees on any changes to control measures or regulations.
- 6. Health Surveillance**
- Implement a health surveillance program for employees exposed to high levels of noise and dust.
 - Conduct regular health checks and medical examinations to detect early signs of noise-induced hearing loss or respiratory issues related to dust exposure.
 - Provide access to occupational health services for further assessment and support if needed.
- 7. Monitoring and Review**
- Monitor compliance with noise and dust control procedures through regular inspections and audits.
 - Review and update the noise and dust control policy and procedures as necessary to reflect changes in legislation, industry standards, and company operations.
 - Incorporate feedback from employees, inspections, and incident reports into policy updates.
- 8. Incident Reporting and Investigation**
- Report all incidents and near misses related to noise and dust exposure to supervisors immediately.
 - Investigate incidents to determine the cause and implement corrective actions.
 - Maintain records of all incidents and corrective actions taken.

Commitment

Johnston Vulcanising and Services Ltd. is dedicated to ensuring the health and safety of our employees, contractors, and visitors by effectively controlling noise and dust exposure. We expect all personnel to adhere to this policy and report any concerns promptly.

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Date: 21/05/2025

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