

HEALTH SERVICES INFOSHEET

NOISE – MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

The *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997* permit the playing of a single musical instrument in residential areas, provided the following requirements are complied with:

- 1. The musical instrument is used in a reasonable manner.**
 - This includes playing the instrument in a suitable room with all the windows and doors closed, and playing at the lowest volume possible.
 - A metal shed does not constitute a suitable room, as there is insufficient attenuation of the noise.
 - In the case of drum kits, sound off pads and cymbal silencers are recommended.
 - Electric guitars should have the amplifier turned down to lowest level.
 - Band practice i.e. more than one instrument being played at any one time is NOT considered reasonable.
- 2. The instrument is played for no more than one hour per day**
 - between 0700 hours and 1900 hours on Monday to Saturday inclusive or
 - between 0900 hours and 1900 hours on a Sunday or Public Holiday
- 3. The resulting noise emissions do not unreasonably interfere with the health, welfare, convenience, comfort or amenity of the neighbours.**



Should you wish to discuss a noise concern you may have, please contact the Town's Authorised Noise Officer on 9377 8000.