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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (NOISE) REGULATIONS 1997

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Under the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997, the playing of a single musical instrument likely to cause a disturbance to neighbours is permitted 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.
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 comfort or amenity of the neighbours.

Do you need further information?

Should you wish to discuss a noise concern you may have, please contact one of the City's Environmental Health Officers on 98419333.

You may also wish to visit the following web site:

State Law Publishers – www.slp.wa.gov.au and follow the links to the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997.

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