

Musical instruments such as guitars and drums are classified by the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997 as specified equipment, which is any equipment, which needs the constant presence of an operator for normal use.

Regulations / Restrictions on using musical instruments

Musical instrument may be used:

- for not more than **one (1) hour** in any day
- between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm Monday to Saturday or
- 9:00 am to 7:00 pm Sunday and Public Holidays
- The regulations relating to the practice of a musical instrument does not confer approval for band rehearsals or performances of a smaller nature.

Actions you can take

All practice of musical instruments cannot be accompanied by recorded or broadcasted amplified music or sounds that are likely to exceed the assigned noise levels permitted by the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997.

If noise from a musical instrument is causing you annoyance, you may find it helpful to take one or more of the following steps;

- Speak to the person using the musical equipment to make them aware that it causes you annoyance. It may be helpful to let the person know that it affects you, as they may not realise it causes you concern, and it gives them the opportunity to change their actions.
- See whether or not you can come to an agreement on the time of the day at which the instrument is played, or for how long it is used.
- Should the use of the equipment still cause annoyance, please be advised that the City of Rockingham's Noise Officers can only take further action if there is evidence that:
 1. Any of the restrictions/regulations relating to the use of musical instruments have not been complied with.
 2. The musical instrument has been operated for longer than one hour at sound levels that exceed the assigned noise levels specified by the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997.
- You may also lodge a complaint with the Rockingham Police on 9528 8000

Role of Council's Health Services

Council's Noise Officers may be able to assist in helping to resolve noise issues between neighbours. Written noise complaints are investigated by the City's Noise Officers to help ensure, noise from musical instruments does not affect the health, comfort, or convenience of any person, should their use or operation fail to comply with the requirements of the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997.

How can I make a complaint about noise pollution?

Please contact the City's Health Services to make a complaint about noise pollution via -

- ◆ Send an email to the address below, **or**
- ◆ Forward correspondence to -

Health Services
City of Rockingham
PO Box 2142
ROCKINGHAM DC WA 6968

Telephone: 9528 0315

Fax: 9592 1705

Email: customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au (Attn: Health Services)

Webpage: www.rockingham.wa.gov.au

If you have any queries or require any additional information, please phone Health Services on 95280315.