

Regulations/Restrictions on Stereo Music

Stereo music can be played as long as it does not unreasonably interfere with the health, comfort or convenience of an occupier of a premises receiving the noise and it complies with the Environmental (Protection) Noise Regulations 1997.

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The assigned noise levels can be used to determine if unreasonable noise is being emitted, these levels are shown below. L_{A10} levels are normally used to determine the noise level using a calibrated sound level meter.

Type of Premise Receiving noise	Time of Day	Assigned level (dB)		
		L_{A10}	L_{A1}	L_{Amax}
Noise sensitive premises at locations within 15 metres of a building directly associated with a noise sensitive use.	7:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday - Saturday	45 + IF	55 + IF	65 + IF
	9:00 am to 7:00 pm Sunday and Public Holidays	40 + IF	50 + IF	65 + IF
	7:00 pm to 10:00 pm all days	40 + IF	50 + IF	55 + IF
	10:00 pm on any day to 7:00 am Monday to Saturday and 9:00 am Sunday and Public Holidays	35 + IF	45 + IF	55 + IF

To reduce the risk of disturbing neighbours consider these tips

- Keep music as low as possible, especially at night, ensure bass control on the stereo is turned down,
- Keep it at a level that cannot be heard outside your boundary,
- Use headphones or listen to music on a personal stereo late at night,
- Position speakers away from neighbours and keep windows and doors closed so the noise doesn't travel,
- If your neighbour approaches you with concerns about the noise level, imagine yourself in their position.

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

- Speak politely to the person using the stereo 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 music is played, or for how long it is used.
- If the annoyance caused by the stereo causes you concern, you may lodge a written complaint with the City's Health Services.
- You may also lodge a complaint with the Rockingham Police on 9528 8000.

Role of Council's Health Services

The City's Noise Officer may be able to assist in helping to resolve noise issues between neighbours. Written noise complaints are investigated by the City's Noise Officer to help ensure stereo noise does not affect the health, comfort or convenience of any person.

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 (ATT: Health Services)

Webpage: www.rockingham.wa.gov.au

If you have any queries or require any additional information, please phone Health Services on 9528 0315.