

SAFE HARBOR

A monthly newsletter for the Maritime worker from
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Thank you for your maritime service and taking the time to review our Newsletter. We at the Law Offices of Lyle C. Cavin, Jr. hope you find the following information helpful. If you have any questions regarding your rights or remedies please contact us at any time. We are here to serve you.



NOISE/HEARING LOSS: ARE YOU PROTECTED?



Is your maritime work environment safe from excessive noise? These work environments, whether aboard ship or on the dock, can create dangerously high noise levels that can permanently damage your hearing. Excessive noise can be so loud as to cause immediate and irreversible damage to your hearing acuity. Exposure over time takes its toll as well. Exposure to noise louder than the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) safe noise level of 70 dB over 24 hours will damage hearing. Be sure you have available and use all hearing protection available. If you believe the hearing protection provided is inadequate report this issue to your supervisor or go even beyond that level. Once your hearing is damaged it will not return

QUESTION FROM THE BRIDGE



I have been working for over 25 years with the same company and recently took a hearing exam and was informed I have a pretty severe hearing loss. The doctor said it was consistent with noise. There was never a specific loud event while I was working. Do I have a claim for hearing loss?

Roger B, CA

Answer: Most likely you do have such a claim. If you worked in an environment with noise over 70 dB, even if only occasionally, it would be enough to cause a cumulative loss of hearing. Cumulative simply means that it was not a single, sudden event that caused the harm. Be sure and see a doctor who can distinguish the types of loss and get legal advice.

About Our Law Firm

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