## **Hearing Health & Loss Prevention**



Hearing loss is the third most common chronic health condition in the United States. Loud noises can cause irreversible hearing damage. The louder the sound and the longer it is heard, the more damage it may cause.

Noise-induced hearing loss is **preventable!** 



American adults (ages 20—69) experience hearing loss due to exposure to loud noises.<sup>1</sup>



**50**%

of American adults with noise-induced hearing damage don't have noisy jobs.<sup>1</sup>



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American adults who believe they have good hearing already show signs of damage. <sup>1</sup>

## **Tips to Prevent Hearing Loss**



from noisy spaces when you can.<sup>2</sup>



by using earplugs or protective earmuffs, especially when attending loud events or if consistently exposed to noise at work.<sup>2</sup>



when listening to music or watching TV, especially if you are wearing earbuds.<sup>2</sup>



to help your blood vessels supply needed nutrients and oxygen to the inner ear.3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Centers for Disease Control (https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/hearingloss/index.html)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Hearing Health Foundation (https://hearinghealthfoundation.org/preventing-hearing-loss)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Journal of Nutrition (https://academic.oup.com/jn/advance-article-abstract/doi/10.1093/jn/nxy058/4993343)