



THE DECIBEL SCALE

STUDENT COPYMASTER

MEASURING SOUNDS: We can measure the loudness of sounds by using an instrument called a decibel meter. A decibel (dB) is a measurement of the intensity of the sound waves. Some noises are so loud that even being exposed to them for only a few moments can damage your hearing. Hearing protection such as ear plugs or ear muffs must be used if you are going to be around these noises.

KEEPING OUR HEARING SAFE FROM NOISE: Don't damage your ears by listening to loud noises on iPods™, earphones, boom boxes in cars or loud stereos. If you have to do a noisy job like mowing the lawns – **Always wear good ear plugs or ear muffs.**

COMMON SOUNDS RATED ON THE DECIBEL SCALE

