



CITY OF VINCENT

NOISE REGULATIONS

FOR SPECIFIED EQUIPMENT ON RESIDENTIAL PREMISES

Purpose

This fact sheet guides the use of 'specified equipment' in residential areas under Regulation 14 of the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997. It outlines allowable noise levels, time restrictions, and conditions for compliance.

What is Specified Equipment?

'Specified equipment' refers to any equipment that requires the constant presence of an operator for normal use. Examples include:

- Lawn mowers
- Power tools (e.g hand drills, whipper snippers)
- Musical instruments
- Basketballs and similar recreational items

Devices that can operate independently, such as air conditioners or stereo systems, are not considered specified equipment.



Regulation 14: Conditions for Use

Noise from specified equipment is exempt from standard assigned noise levels if all the following conditions are met:

1. Permitted Hours of Use:

- Monday to Saturday: 7am – 7pm
- Sundays/Public Holidays: 9am – 7pm

2. Time Limits:

- Equipment must not be used for more than two hours per day.
- Musical instruments must not be used for more than one hour per day.

3. Reasonable Use:

- Equipment must be used for its intended purpose.
- Practical steps should be taken to minimise noise impact on neighbours.
- Noise must not unreasonably affect the health, welfare, or amenity of nearby occupiers.
- Even if conditions 1 and 2 are met, excessive or repeated use may still be considered unreasonable (e.g., playing drums multiple times a day in short bursts).

Assessment of Noise Complaints

The City of Vincent Health Officers can assess whether the noise is reasonable by considering:

- The purpose of the equipment's use.
- The duration and frequency of noise emissions.
- Whether efforts have been made to reduce noise impact.

Under the Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA), excessive noise that unreasonably interferes with others may be an offence. Enforcement actions may be taken if noise complaints are justified.

Additional Information

For enquiries, contact the City's Health department on **(08) 9273 6000** or email **mail@vincent.wa.gov.au**

This document is a guide only. For full details refer to the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997, available on the Western Australian Legislation website **www.der.wa.gov.au**