



The Mobile Test Van Exception

We are often asked about the time required after employment that a baseline audiogram must be conducted.

For those not implementing mobile van services, OSHA provides the following guidelines:

1910.95(g)(5)(i) “Within 6 months of an employee's first exposure at or above the action level, the employer shall establish a valid baseline audiogram against which subsequent audiograms can be compared.”

For those taking advantage of mobile van services, OSHA states:

1910.95(g)(5)(ii) “Mobile test van exception. Where mobile test vans are used to meet the audiometric testing obligation, the employer shall obtain a valid baseline audiogram within 1 year of an employee's first exposure at or above the action level. Where baseline audiograms are obtained more than 6 months after the employee's first exposure at or above the action level, employees shall wearing hearing protectors for any period exceeding six months after first exposure until the baseline audiogram

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