Hearing loss?
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Hearing loss is a genuine condition that affects many workers in construction, manufacturing or industrial environments, particularly when working with or near heavy machinery. Once you have hearing loss, there is no cure.

The hearing protection that workers receive is often inadequate. Understanding your rights is the first step to accessing lump sum compensation.

If you have permanent hearing damage, Maurice Blackburn can make your claim for you, providing expert advice along the way.

What are my rights?

If you have suffered permanent hearing loss as a result of exposure to noise at work you may be entitled to claim compensation depending on the level of your hearing loss. You may also be entitled to claim the reasonable costs associated with the provision of hearing aids.

Under the Victorian WorkCover law, you may be entitled to receive lump sum compensation where you have suffered permanent hearing loss arising out of or in the course of your employment and are assessed as suffering a 10% or more loss of hearing when assessed in accordance with the American Medical Association Guides.

Your percentage of hearing loss will at first instance be determined by a medical practitioner engaged by the insurance company. If you are dissatisfied with that assessment, you may appeal it to an independent medical panel who will be asked to make an assessment. Claims for lump sum compensation for hearing loss are unlikely to result in litigation.

What do I get as a union member?

As a member of the MUA, Maurice Blackburn provides you with:

- Free initial advice about lodging a claim
- Free advice if you have already lodged a claim
- No win, no fee*

Maurice Blackburn has helped many MUA members successfully get the compensation they deserve for their hearing loss.

*Conditions apply

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If you are considering legal action or want to fight for your rights:

Call us at 1800 810 812 (business hours)

We can assess what you need or arrange for a meeting with one of our lawyers. For most practice areas, your first consultation is free.

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