



## **NOISE FROM MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS**

Musical instruments such as guitars and drums are classified by the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997 as specified equipment, which is any equipment, which needs the constant presence of an operator for normal use.

### **Regulations/Restrictions on using musical instruments**

Musical instruments may be used:

- for not more than one (1) hour in any day
- between the hours of 7:00am and 7:00 pm Monday to Saturday or
- 9:00 am to 7:00 pm Sunday and Public Holidays
- and the noise does not unreasonably interfere with the health, comfort or convenience, of an occupier of a premises receiving the noise.

### **Actions you can take**

If noise from a musical instrument is causing you annoyance, you may find it helpful to take one or more of the following steps;

- Speak to the person using the musical equipment to make them aware that it causes you annoyance. It may be helpful to let the person know that it affects you, as they may not realise it causes you concern, and it gives them the opportunity to change their actions.
- See whether or not you can come to an agreement on the time of the day at which the instrument is played, or for how long it is used.
- If the annoyance caused by the musical instrument causes you concern, you may lodge a written complaint with the City of Rockingham's Health Service.
- You may also lodge a complaint with the Rockingham Police on 9528 8000

### **Role of Council's Health Service**

Council's Noise Officers may be able to assist in helping to resolve noise issues between neighbors. Written noise complaints are investigated by Council's Noise Officers to help ensure, noise from musical instruments does not affect the health, comfort, or convenience of any person.

### **How can I make a complaint about noise pollution?**

For further details or to make a complaint about noise pollution, please contact:

Health Services  
City of Rockingham  
Civic Boulevard / PO Box 2142  
ROCKINGHAM WA 6168

Telephone: 9528 0315  
Fax: 9592 1705