

Noise Pollution

What is noise pollution?

Noise is any unwanted sound; it is derived from the Latin word “nausea,” meaning seasickness. Noise is amount the most persistent pollutants in our community.

Effects

Low intensity sounds can be quite pleasant and harmless but excessive, loud noise can be hazardous to your health. Loud noise can influence the functioning of the body systems, causing the body to respond in ways that may lead to stress disorder, irritability, and sleepiness.

Kansas City Noise Ordinance

In order to control noise pollution, the City of Kansas City, Missouri passed the Noise Control Ordinance. This Ordinance prohibits the generation of any noise in such a manner as to create a noise disturbance across residential property lines. The Ordinance prohibits sounds in excess of 60 decibels between 7:00am and 10:00pm and 55 decibels between 10:00pm and 7:00am in residential areas. For commercial/light industrial areas, noise should not exceed 80 decibels. (Normal conversation is approximately 50-60 decibels.)

Who can help

If you are experiencing noise pollution in your community, contact the Kansas City Police Department.

Central Patrol – 234-5510
Metro Patrol – 234-5520
East Patrol – 234-5530
North Patrol – 234-5540
South Patrol – 234-5550

For additional help, please contact the Kansas City Health Department at 513-6313.

Additional Information

- Kansas City Health Department/Community Environmental Health – (816) 513-6313
- Noise Pollution Clearing House – www.nonoise.org/aboutno.htm