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**INTERNATIONAL NOISE AWARENESS DAY 2026: STATEMENT BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AUTHORITY**

**THEME: “THE SOUND OF TOMORROW”**

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) would like to remind the general public about the importance of minimizing noise making.

Sound is essential in our day-to-day life, however, noise (loud/undesirable sound) could be a nuisance and a health concern depending on the intensity, frequency and time of the day. Apart from it interfering with communication, noise pollution contributes to a number of physiological and psychological health conditions such as cardiovascular diseases, headache, stress, fatigue, sleep disturbances, distractions, poor concentration, noise induced hearing loss, reduces productivity and the intelligent quotients of children. Noise pollution disproportionately affects children and the elderly.

Noise is generated from activities of everyday life including religious, commercial, entertainment, transport and industrial (formal & informal) activities as well as social gatherings (funerals, weddings, etc.) and use of equipment including generator sets & public address systems especially loud speakers and open air/outdoor activities.

To reduce impact of noise on the environment and public health, the **Ghana Standard for Health Protection-Requirements for Ambient Noise Control (GS 1222:2018)** spells out the acceptable noise levels for designated zones.

Noise pollution can be prevented, and as we join the commemoration of the international noise awareness day today, EPA directs the general public to take steps to reduce noise from the various activities we undertake and ensure compliance with the provisions of the GS 1222.

The steps should include the following:

1. Limit the use of loudspeakers especially in residential areas.
2. Tune down musical instruments and confine noise to only the source.
3. Ensure appropriate maintenance/servicing of equipment

4. Stop the use of horns with jarring sounds, motorbikes with damaged exhaust pipes and noisy trucks.
5. Install noisy machines away from common boundaries with adjoining facilities and residencies, etc.
6. Install noise barriers/acoustics/noise-proof materials around noise generating activities.
7. Build enclosures for noisy generator sets and other machines.
8. Ensure open door activities does not create noise nuisance.
9. Join in creating awareness on the impact of noise.

“Protect your hearing today for a healthier tomorrow tune down the volume.”

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