

## NOISE STANDARDS PARTIES & EVENTS

### 3 CATEGORIES

Where earlier the distinction was made based on the size of the venue (< or > than 100 m<sup>2</sup>), now a distinction is made based on the sound level. Three categories were created and each exploiter is free to choose one of given categories.

#### 1. Maximum sound level $\leq 85$ dB(A) $L_{Aeq, 15min}$

- No licence or reporting
- No obligation to measure
- Derogation possible for a higher sound level with the municipality

#### 2. Maximum sound level $> 85$ dB(A) $L_{Aeq, 15min}$ and $\leq 95$ dB(A) $L_{Aeq, 15min}$

- Class 3 reporting
- Measure ( $L_{Aslow, max}$  or  $L_{Aeq, 15min}$ ) or use of noise limiter
- Derogation possible for a higher sound level with the municipality

#### 3. Maximum sound level $> 95$ dB(A) $L_{Aeq, 15min}$ and $\leq 100$ dB(A) $L_{Aeq, 60min}$

- Environmental permit class 2
- Measure ( $L_{Aeq, 15min}$  or  $L_{Aeq, 60min}$ ) and record ( $L_{Aeq, 60min}$ ) or use of noise limiter
- Offering free ear protection
- Sound plan in case of permanent sound system
- Acoustic research for new establishments