

Table 3: Ambient Noise Standard for Different Areas

Area Code	Category of Area/Zone	Limits in dB(A) Leq	
		Day Time	Night Time
(A)	Industrial Area	75	70
(B)	Commercial Area	65	55
(C)	Residential Area	55	45
(D)	Silence Zone	50	40
Note :- 1. Day time is from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM 2. Night time is from 9:00 PM to 6:00 AM			
1.	The Central Government or its designated authorities may categorize areas into industrial, commercial, residential or silence zones for the purpose of implementation of noise standards for different areas. An area upto 100 metres around hospitals, educational institutions and courts shall be declared as a silence zone for the purpose of these rules.		
2.	The noise emanating from any source shall not exceed the background noise levels by 10 decibels dB(A) or more when measured at a point outside the premises of the location of the source. If the noise level exceeds the background noise level by 10 dB(A) or more the Central Government or its designated authority shall direct such violators to remove the source of noise or take commensurate corrective measures to reduce the noise levels.		
3.	The manufacture, sale and use of firecrackers which may cause noise exceeding 125 dB(A) or 145 dB(C)pk, measured at a distance of 4 meters from the source of noise are prohibited.		
4.	Loud speakers shall be used only after permission has been granted by the District Magistrate/Police Commissioner or the Officer designated as per the local laws.		