



# Hearing Protection

ISEA is the trade association for manufacturers of personal hearing protection devices.

ISEA members have a seat at the table when standards are being written that affect their products; they get a first look at changes in standards, they influence the development of new standards, and they are kept informed of developments on standards around the world. ISEA is represented on the ANSI S12 and A10 committees, as well as the CSA Z94.2 committee and the US technical advisory group to the ISO technical committee on noise.

ISEA gives members a full-time Washington office. They are kept up to date on important developments affecting their companies, and are identified with a respected and responsible organization that is an advocate for hearing protection standards and regulations. The group works closely with EPA and NIOSH on hearing protection standards and research programs, and is leading an effort to have OSHA lower the action level for noise in the workplace to conform to international norms.

ISEA members use the association to learn from each other, and work together to improve markets. Information services are tuned to member companies' needs. Member companies participate in a market data program that tracks quarterly sales of earplugs, band-type protectors and earmuffs. Data is available exclusively to participating companies. The group also publishes a guide to hearing protectors, *Products to Keep You Tuned In to Life*.

In addition to bringing companies together in the Hearing Protection Group, ISEA membership is a link to the larger world of safety equipment, both in the US and around the world. Companies receive regular bulletins and reports on standards, government policies and proposals, and market intelligence. They participate in the association's Annual and Fall Meetings, where the industry comes together to share information and insight. Members' products are listed in a *Buyers Guide*, published in print and in a searchable on-line database.

For 75 years, ISEA has set the standard for personal safety equipment manufacturers, supporting and promoting the business interests of its member companies, united in the goal of protecting the health and safety of people worldwide.

## ISEA Hearing Protection Group Member Companies

Aearo Technologies  
Bose Corporation  
Bullard  
David Clark Co., Inc.  
Encon Safety Products  
ERB Industries, Inc.  
Gateway Safety, Inc.  
Jackson Safety  
3M Company  
MSA  
Moldex-Metric, Inc.  
North Safety Products  
Sperian Protection (Howard Leight)

## Hearing Protection Standards

ISEA is represented on the following standards committees and panels:

ANSI A10 - Safety Requirements for Construction and Demolition Operations  
ANSI S12 - Hearing Protection  
ANSI Z49 - Safety in Welding and Cutting  
ANSI Z10 - Occupational Health and Safety Systems  
CSA Z94.2 - Technical Committee on Hearing Protection (liaison)  
US TAG to ISO TC43 - Acoustics, SC1 Noise

For more information on the advantages of ISEA membership to your company, contact ISEA at 703-525-1695, or go to our Web site at [www.safetysystem.org](http://www.safetysystem.org).



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