

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (NOISE) REGULATIONS 1997

### MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS INFORMATION SHEET

Under the *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997*, the playing of a single musical instrument likely to cause a disturbance to neighbours is permitted provided the following requirements are complied with:

1. The musical instrument is used in a reasonable manner.
  - This includes playing the instrument in a suitable room with all the windows and doors closed, and playing at the lowest volume possible.
  - A metal shed does not constitute a suitable room, as there is insufficient attenuation of the noise.
  - In the case of drum kits, sound off pads and cymbal silencers are recommended.
  - Electric guitars should have the amplifier turned down to lowest level.
2. The instrument is played for no more than one hour per day
  - between 0700 hours and 1900 hours on Monday to Saturday inclusive or
  - between 0900 hours and 1900 hours on a Sunday or Public Holiday
3. The resulting noise emissions do not unreasonably interfere with the comfort or amenity of the neighbours.

#### **Do you need further information?**

Should you wish to discuss a noise concern you may have, please contact one of the City's Environmental Health Officers on 9841 9333.

You may also wish to visit the following web site: State Law Publishers – [www.slp.wa.gov.au](http://www.slp.wa.gov.au) and follow the links to the *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997*.