

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge  
*Noise Induced Hearing Loss*

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<b>Intro with music</b>	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC MEDICAL EDGE.
	BIRDS SIGNING... CHILDREN PLAYING... OCEAN WAVES CASCADING ON THE SHORE... BUT WHAT IF YOUR WORLD SOUNDED LIKE THIS INSTEAD?
	(SILENCE)
	DR. COLIN DRISCOLL, AN EAR NOSE AND THROAT SPECIALIST AT MAYO CLINIC SAYS HEARING LOSS IS THE WORLDS NUMBER ONE DISABILITY.
<b>Colin Driscoll, M.D.</b> <b>Track 4 (11:00)</b>	"WHEN WE LOSE HEARING WE START TO LOSE TOUCH WITH PEOPLE AND OUR ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE, TO BE PART OF

	THINGS.”
	MANY THINGS CAN CONTRIBUTE TO HEARING LOSS, SUCH AS TRAUMA, INFECTION AND DISEASE. BUT SO CAN NOISE ITSELF.
<b>Dr. Driscoll.</b> <b>Track 4 (2:05)</b>	“DO YOU MOW THE LAWN? USE A CHAIN SAW OR OTHER POWER TOOLS AROUND THE HOME? HOW LOUD IS YOUR HAIR DRYER?”
	EVERYDAY ITEMS DR. DRISCOLL SAYS YOU PROBABLY WOULDN’T EVEN THINK OF AS BEING DANGEROUS. BUT OVER TIME, THE EFFECTS CAN ADD UP TO NOISE INDUCED HEARING LOSS. LUCKILY, WITH STEPS TO REDUCE YOUR EXPOSURE, LIKE WEARING EAR PLUGS, IT’S HEARING LOSS YOU CAN PREVENT.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT <a href="http://MAYOCLINIC.ORG">MAYOCLINIC.ORG</a> . I’M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.
