Decibel Level Comparison Chart

Environmental Noise	dBA
Jet engine at 100'	140
Pain Begins	125
Pneumatic chipper at ear	120
Chain saw at 3'	110
Power mower	107
Subway train at 200'	95
Walkman on 5/10	94
Level at which sustained	80-90
exposure may result in hearing	
loss	
City Traffic	85
Telephone dial tone	80
Chamber music, in a small	75-85
auditorium	
Vacuum cleaner	75
Normal conversation	60-70
Business Office	60-65
Household refrigerator	55
Suburban area at night	40
Whisper	25
Quiet natural area with no wind	20
Threshold of hearing	0

Note: dBA = Decibels, A weighted