

Unreasonable noise can interfere with the health, welfare, convenience, comfort or amenity of an occupier of a premises receiving the noise. In most instances, noise issues are resolved by the individuals involved, through discussion and modified practices or arrangements.

In the unfortunate circumstances where this approach fails, the City of Subiaco's Environmental Health Officers may be contacted for assistance. You will be required to complete a noise complaint form and record necessary details, such as the nature of the complaint, duration and exact location of the noise source. The city's Environmental Health Officer will then determine whether the musical instrument being played, complies with the *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997*.

### **The Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997**

Musical instruments may be used, provided that they are:

- not used for more than one hour in any day
- between 7am and 7pm Monday to Saturday
- between 9am and 7pm Sunday and public holidays
- used in a reasonable manner.

\*Please note that the regulations relating to the practice of a musical instrument does not confer approval for band rehearsal or performances of a similar nature.

### **Tips when playing a musical instrument:**

- Play instruments inside and out of direct sight to neighbours, and close windows and doors
- Must not be accompanied by recorded or broadcasted amplified music or sounds that are likely to exceed the regulations
- Avoid playing a musical instrument early in the morning and late in the evening.

### **Tips when dealing with noise from a musical instrument:**

- Speak to the person using the instrument to make them aware that it causes you annoyance, as they may not realise that it causes you concern and it also gives them the opportunity to change their actions
- See whether or not an agreement can be made on the time of day at which the instrument can be used or for how long for
- Should the annoyance caused by the musical instrument continue, you may lodge a written complaint to the city's environmental health services.

***If you require further information about noise, you may contact the City of Subiaco's environmental health services on 9237 9222.***