

Things to bear in mind when organising an event

- High noise levels in public spaces

It is not the responsibility of event guests to protect their own hearing. It is always the responsibility of the event organiser to ensure that sound levels are not harmful. This is done by complying with the current sound level restrictions specified in the Public Health Agency's general advice on high sound levels (FoHMFS 2014:15).

<i>Noise limits for premises and spaces that children under 13 are not allowed to access.</i>	<i>Maximum sound level LAF,max 115 dB</i>	<i>Average sound level LAeq 100 dB</i>
<i>Noise level restrictions for premises and spaces to which both children and adults have access.</i>	<i>LAF,max 110 dB</i>	<i>LAeq 97 dB</i>
<i>Special attention should be paid to activities specifically targeted at children, for example kids' discos etc. For these events, an average noise level of under 90 dB should always be aimed for.</i>		

- The results of control measurements must be reported if the Environment & Health Protection Administration so requests. The administration conducts a number of sound level measurements at concerts and events annually.
- If an inspection or a reported measurement indicates that existing noise limits have been exceeded, the Environment and Health Protection Committee may pursue further action against the organiser.
- You can read more about noise on the City of Stockholm website at www.stockholm.se/miljoregler/buller

Noise nuisances for local residents

In the case of outdoor music events, it is likely that noise limits will be exceeded in the residences closest to the event. For this reason, local residents must be informed in advance of planned events. Phone numbers or e-mail addresses that residents can contact to ask questions and submit feedback must also be provided.

Fee

The Stockholm Environment & Health Protection Administration charges a fee for noise level supervision. The term supervision includes all work conducted by the administration such as performing sound measurements, drafting injunctions and inspecting received documents. You can read more about the tariffs on the City of Stockholm website at www.stockholm.se/miljotaxa.