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Introduction:

- The improper sitting of entertainment establishments such as nightclubs operating up to the late hours of the height coupled with poor building sound-proofing to contain the loud noise therein cause disturbance to any adjacent residential premises.
- Dubai Local Order No. 61/1991 requires that any noise should not interfere with the peace, comfort and convenience of any person. This guideline sets out the control of noise from entertainment premises.

Guidelines:

- 1. Noise from any form of entertainment must comply with the Article 75, of the Local Order No. 61/91. The noise level when measured outside the boundary of the premises should not exceed 55 db(A) during the period 7:00 A.M. 8:00 P.M. and 45 db(A) during the period 8:00 P.M. 7:00 A.M.
- 2. Popular celebration in public holidays or official days shall be exempted from the requirements of the above mentioned article during such periods only.
- 3. Entertainment premises must not be located adjacent to any residential premises.
- 4. Entertainment premises shall adopt the best effective means to contain the loud noise inside. Proper sound proofing of the building shall be done to eliminate migration of loud noise.
- **5.** Entertainment premises shall provide customers parking area away from adjacent residential premises. The car park area must not be closer than 50 meters from the residential premises.
- 6. Private celebrations e.g. parties or gatherings which are held in open spaces or courts shall not be allowed after 10:00 P.M. unless approved by the Health and Safety Department. Amplified music or speech shall cover only the entire perimeter of the court.
- 7. A sound level limiting electronic circuit should be incorporated in the amplifier to control the signal amplitude to a fixed level regardless of the loudness of music or speech. Once the control had been set to correct position, it should be secured with fixed metal plates.
- **8.** The loudspeaker system shall be placed in such a manner that the device does not point towards any wall that contains an uninsulated window or entrance to the premises.
- Noise from any entertainment premises must not be audible inside a residential dwelling during normal sleeping hours e.g. 10:00 P.M. - 6:00 A.M.

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