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Loud sounds have hidden health risks



When using power tools, lawn equipment or other machinery, wear properly fitted earplugs or earmuffs from the start, rather than waiting until the noise becomes uncomfortable. PHOTOS BY GETTY IMAGES

Noise pollution a serious but often forgotten hazard

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The human body is remarkably good at getting used to the environment around it. You’ve probably experienced this if you’ve ever gone to a matinee and emerged from the dark theater into sunshine. Your eyes sting, so you squint and shield your face until they adjust to the bright sunlight. • In the same way, the body can grow accustomed to constant noise. With repeated exposure to traffic, leaf blowers, construction, loud music, crowded restaurants, fitness classes and sporting events, you can become accustomed to loud environments. Over time, what once seemed unusually loud may barely register.

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Hearing damage is only part of the story. Noise acts as a stressor, activating the autonomic nervous and endocrine systems and affecting heart rate, blood pressure and other physiological processes.

Why Ohioans will see a voter ID amendment on the ballot

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Ohio voters will soon decide whether they support requiring a photo ID at the polls. If that idea sounds familiar, it’s because it’s already state law. Ohio’s GOP-controlled Legislature voted in June to place the proposed constitutional amendment, known as Issue 3, on the Nov. 3 ballot. It’s the only statewide issue before Ohioans in the upcoming election, along with key races for governor and U.S. Senate. Here’s what you need to know about Issue 3.

What is Ohio Issue 3?

Simply put, Issue 3 would enshrine the state’s voter ID policy in the Ohio Constitution. Ohio requires voters who cast in-person ballots to present a photo ID, with exceptions for people who have a

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WayGo offers free rides to the polls for Wooster voters

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Wooster voters will be able to ride for free on WayGo’s Demand Response transit service during the final days of early voting and on Election Day under a special program designed to help residents reach polling locations. The free transportation offer runs from Oct. 26 through Nov. 3 and provides one free round trip for riders using the transit system’s pre-scheduled Demand Response service, according to a community announcement. City officials said the program was developed after community members raised questions about transportation

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