

**UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO
FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION**

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| Section: | Grounds | Procedure Number: | G-07 |
| Subject: | Use of Headphones | Effective Date: | January 1993 |
| | | Revised Date: | December 2016 |
| Facilities Officer: | <i>Brian P. Kelly</i> | Reviewed Date: | February 2023 |

Standard Operating Procedure

Grounds Department employees shall not utilize personal headphones, radios, or tape players while operating power equipment.

Purpose

To make a safer work place and to promote the reduction of accident risk.

Procedure

Research published in the January/February, 1993, issue of Traffic Safety indicates that the use of music headphones by equipment operators reduces the operator's awareness of surrounding conditions.

1. Operators of power equipment are prohibited from wearing any type of headphone which deters from the ability to hear a potential hazard.
2. Hearing protection may be worn once it is approved for its intended application by the Industrial Hygienist on campus.