Subject: Kid Safety
Posted by Dizzy on Tue, 27 Apr 2010 22:00:59 GMT
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With the discussions on ear health going on, I have to wonder how you deal with protecting your kids hearing? There are so many things that need headphones, from games to music players-how do you keep them safe?

Subject: Re: Kid Safety
Posted by djessa on Sat, 01 May 2010 10:28:51 GMT
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It's very important to educate your kids in using headphones. Make sure that the volume is always in average level. My kids currently using two Sony headphones. They always use it in playing counterstrike. I bought Sony brand because the quality is good and safe for kids.

Subject: Re: Kid Safety
Posted by woofer on Thu, 06 May 2010 18:14:51 GMT
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I'm halfway ready to outlaw earbuds and headphones for my kids. One listens at a reasonable level but the other one listens to them way too loud. I can have her turn them down but she turns it right back up as soon as I leave the room.

Subject: Re: Kid Safety
Posted by SayWhat? on Sat, 08 May 2010 18:10:45 GMT
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I hate when kids do that. I would rather they not have earphones or ear buds at all if they are going to do this. There are so many people who have lost all or part of their hearing because of it. It's really a bad habit.

Subject: Re: Kid Safety
Posted by Dizzy on Tue, 11 May 2010 13:05:47 GMT
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What about buying devices that have a volume limiter? Or can you buy headphones that have a volume limiter built into them?

Subject: Re: Kid Safety

Posted by Lazarus on Fri, 14 May 2010 12:38:43 GMT
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I agree with Woofer and SayWhat to outlaw headphones and earbuds for the kids. In their younger age, I think children's sensory organs are more sensitive and vulnerable than they are of adults.

Subject: Re: Kid Safety
Posted by DaBase on Sat, 15 May 2010 00:19:30 GMT
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I think as long as you monitor a child's use with headphones and tell them the reason why they can't listen to music or games with the volume turned way up then they should be fine. Also, I would limit how long they are allowed to have headphones on.

Subject: Re: Kid Safety
Posted by Dizzy on Tue, 18 May 2010 21:55:04 GMT
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I think that limiting the time they use them for is a wise idea, and goes hand in hand with limiting screen time. What about the open headphones with foam pads? Or headphone hats-are they better do you think?

Subject: Re: Kid Safety
Posted by musiclover on Sat, 12 Jun 2010 21:55:46 GMT
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You can essentially do one of the following: either buy headphones that have a low maximum volume or tweak the technology that your kids use so that the volume cannot go higher than a certain amount.

Subject: Re: Kid Safety
Posted by jesstasy on Sun, 25 Jul 2010 20:06:17 GMT
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My ex-husband was a DJ. He used to play music at extremely high levels around my daughter. I wasn't concerned at the time but I sure wish I had been. She is now a pre-teen and has partial hearing loss in one ear. She talks very loud because she doesn't hear too well. Most times, I have to repeat myself while talking to her even when I talk in a loud voice.

I would say that as with everything else too much of anything is not good. Make sure volume is at a normal and reasonable level for listening pleasure. Do not allow them to listen with earbuds or

headphones if they have a tendency to listen at high volumes. In the long run, it will be detrimental to their hearing!

Subject: Re: Kid Safety
Posted by Soundbuzz on Fri, 30 Jul 2010 06:09:29 GMT
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It's great that parents are more aware of ear safety for their kids!

When I was a kid, I was one of those kids that blasted my music at the highest volumes available! The reason was I loved my heavy metal and I thought that hearing it loudest was the best way to get into the music. Now, I have to pay the price. My hearing's not that good now, sometimes I have to ask the person I'm talking to to repeat what they were saying. I have to listen more intently than a normal person would to capture what they're saying.

The headphones with the volume limit are great, your kids might complain though (I know I did whenever I sense the volume is lower than normally how I hear them), but educating your kids and making your kids understand that they can still enjoy their music and at the same time, caring for their ears is the more sensible choice. Just tell them that it IS better than losing your hearing sense and not being able to listen to music at all!

Subject: Re: Kid Safety
Posted by Jayson on Mon, 02 Aug 2010 14:47:42 GMT
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I also believe it best to just monitor your kids sound level. I have used my father as a great example. He worked in a factory with no earplugs for years. And I just say to the kids "do you want to be like grandpa and have to repeat yourself 5 times before being able to hear what is said" their answer is no. They are 6 and 8 and I never have to tell them to turn it down now.

Subject: Re: Kid Safety
Posted by Loud on Thu, 05 Aug 2010 10:08:23 GMT
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It is vary important to make children aware of the harm sound can do to the ear. My parents never told me that having my stereo on too loud or my system in my car too loud would hurt my hearing for life. I am now 95% def in one ear.

Subject: Re: Kid Safety

Posted by JiminyCricket on Thu, 05 Aug 2010 13:08:14 GMT
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Wow there are some scary messages in this thread. I don't have kids but I can imagine it is a nightmare trying to control their playtime with so many things that need ear devices.

Subject: Re: Kid Safety
Posted by Songs4Life on Tue, 10 Aug 2010 23:34:57 GMT
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I was a kid once upon a time, too. At that time, loud is fun. Especially when it annoys the older folks. I suppose it's still the same today. When kids reach a certain age, they just have to rebel. It's a natural instinct and it's good.

So what I say is let them have their fun while they are young. And if you don't be too finicky about the volume, the kids would not play it that loud. Most of the time, they do that just because you say they shouldn't.

Subject: Re: Kid Safety
Posted by cuzido on Mon, 11 Oct 2010 13:47:38 GMT
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My middle daughter has a hearing problem due to a condition she had a few years ago called Pseudo Tumor Cerebre. She has hearing aides which she pretty much refuses to wear. The strange thing is when she uses her headphones or earbuds she doesn't turn up the volume to loud, but my youngest daughter will have her music blaring. I can't stand this because not only is it bad for their hearing (which is the most important thing) but I have to scream at her or find a way to get her attention when she has them in. I have threatened to take them and have took them from her only to have to listen to the music myself which gives me a headache.

Subject: Re: Kid Safety
Posted by Clueless on Tue, 09 Nov 2010 02:56:29 GMT
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I have always been very concern about my kids hearing. I feel that I am losing mine a tiny bit each year. I have never let them use headphones, and I am hoping I can prevent it for a few more years. I know when they turn to be teenagers is going to be harder, but I hope that by then I have showed them how important it is to protect our hearing. I try to play the TV and the stereo at very moderate and low levels. My ex can only listen to things blasting, but thank God I don't have to deal with him any more in that regard.

Subject: Re: Kid Safety

Posted by DJ Dave on Thu, 16 Jun 2011 11:06:40 GMT
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They should learn to not have the headphones too loud, anyway, because you are supposed to be considerate of others. But, not only can it cause ear health, they can't hear a car behind them when they are walking.