



San Francisco Entertainment Commission



SOUND COMPLIANCE INSPECTION

Standard Operating Procedures

- Sound compliance inspections may be conducted at any time a Place of Entertainment or Extended Hours Premises' PA system is in operation.
- Inspectors are not required to announce themselves prior to entering a permitted establishment, but must identify themselves upon request. Access must be granted to inspectors at all times by venue staff.
- Sound pressure level meters are to be calibrated before and after each use.
- Measurements can be taken inside or outside of the premises. Location of measurement is at the discretion of the inspector based on environment.
- Internal measurements are to be taken at the center of the dancefloor and not within 10' of any active speaker unless otherwise noted on a sound abatement inspection report (Some reports will indicate that measurements should be taken from FOH mix position or corner of bar).
- Operating in excess of a conditioned internal sound limit for any length of time is a violation (internal sound limits are written in as a condition of each permit).
- Operating in excess of 8dBA or 8dBC of ambient at any point outside the property plane for any length of time is a violation.
- Upon the 1st violation a Notice of Violation is issued.
- Upon the 2nd violation an Administrative Citation is issued.
- Upon the 3rd Administrative Citation in a 3 month period, a public hearing may be required.