

Causes and effects of noise pollution: An overview

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Noise is technically one of the most complex and least understood forms of pollution. The present generation and the coming generations have to solve three grave problems namely, population, poverty and pollution if they have to survive. Pollution being the most dangerous problem like cancer in which death is sure but slow. Noise is becoming an increasingly omnipresent, yet unnoticed form of pollution even in developed countries. Whether knowingly or unknowingly, every one of us contributes to noise pollution, because most of our day-to-day activities generate some noise. Noise is an important environmental pollutant like noxious gases that befoul our air, water and soil. It destroys bridges and produces cracks in buildings. The noise can cause physiological and psychological deterioration that accompanies it as an inevitable part of our lives. This paper deals with causes, effects and control of noise pollution. In this connection, adolescent education, neural-effects, occupational environment, transportation, psychological and physiological effects will also be discussed in detail.