## UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON



UNIVERSITY SPEECH LANGUAGE AND HEARING CLINIC: A United Way Facility Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders AIMS TO CURB NOISE-INDUCED HEARING LOSS

## **During the month of May come in for a FREE Hearing Screening**

Did you know that you can permanently lose your hearing from exposure to loud noise or music?



**In recognition of May as Better Hearing and Speech Month, free hearing screenings will be held in May** (for anyone 10 years or older). The University Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic: A United Way Facility invites you to a free hearing screening. Please **call 713-743-0915** to sign up. To avoid delays, sign up for a screening time in advance.

Did you know? The number of Americans with hearing loss has doubled in the past 30 years. Approximately 14.9% of U.S. children have a hearing loss in one or both ears, compromising their development of vocabulary, grammar, and other aspects of verbal communication. Noise exposure is a known cause of permanent hearing loss. How much is too much exposure?

Source of noise	Length of exposure resulting in permanent hearing loss
Rock concert; chain saw [110 dB]	More than one minute
Power tools; string trimmer	More than 15 minutes
Power mower; heavy city traffic	Prolonged exposure

