



## Free hearing advice offers compensation hope to Southampton workers

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Hundreds of workers from Southampton have their hearing damaged while at work each year.

Evidence shows that large numbers of people working in heavy industry suffer hearing problems such as Tinnitus in later life.

But many former dockers and workers in industries such as car plants never get their hearing problems diagnosed.

Now, leading industrial deafness solicitors, Attwood, are offering free examinations to workers from the Southampton area.

Free consultations with an audiologist can be arranged by telephoning Attwood Solicitors on 0800 587 3231 or by going online to [www.attwoodsolicitors.co.uk](http://www.attwoodsolicitors.co.uk).

Attwood Solicitors has teamed up with audiologists to offer free hearing checks and advice to people suffering with industrial hearing problems. Clients are guaranteed that there will be no charge to them whether, or not, they win compensation.

Mr Attwood said: “We have been able to help a diverse range of workers in industries such as shipbuilding, truck manufacturing and heavy engineering.

“Industries such as aerospace, car manufacture and the dockyards in Southampton inevitably create noise.

“And evidence from our clients demonstrates that until recent improvements in health and safety legislation many industrial workers operated in extremely noisy conditions without any hearing protection.”

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Mr Attwood stressed that people can still get help even if the problem occurred several years ago.

“We are currently handling cases from the 1970s,” he said. “The damage may have been caused many years ago and the claimant may have retired but they are still entitled to seek help.

“Compensation can be sought up to three years after hearing loss is diagnosed - it doesn't matter that the damage may have been caused years earlier.”

