



# GRAYSONS

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### Case Study

**Subject:** Occupational deafness compensation  
**Location:** Sheffield steel industry

Mr B started work at an accountants in 1960, and then worked for a short period as a milkman – fairly quiet occupations. Three years later, however, in 1963, Mr B started his working career in the steel and manufacturing industries as a labourer. During the next 10 years or so, Mr B held several positions in these industries, where he was exposed to noise from a wide range of machinery, including rolling mills, lathes, drilling machines, bar grinders, foundry machines and air guns.

Working between 8 and 12 hour shifts, Mr B's hearing was never protected, other than by cotton wool which he brought himself when unable to stand the high frequency noise that he was subjected to. None of his employers provided him with any protective equipment, or warned him of the dangers of working in noisy environments.

Mr B first noticed his hearing difficulty in 1986 and it has gradually deteriorated. His GP confirmed that syringing would not help as Mr B's ears were clear. The hearing loss and tinnitus that Mr B now suffers has had a profound impact on his life, stopping him from doing many of the things he enjoys, such as going to football matches and concerts. It has affected his work and social life and he often suffers from lack of sleep and depression. He has tried many self- help remedies, including acupuncture, reflexology, ginkgo biloba (extract from the maidenhair or fossil tree offering a herbal remedy for some ailments, including tinnitus), diet and lifestyle changes. *Cont. on page 2.*

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Mr B contacted one of our personal injury specialists, Belinda Lancaster, who took up his case, making claims against Neepsend Ltd., Tempered Steel Spring Company, TT Group PLC and Laycock Engineering. The case went to court and Belinda won around £15,000 in compensation for Mr B, which included an amount for hearing aids.



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