

## PROTECTING YOUR CHILD'S HEARING

## Some hearing facts...

- Children have more trouble hearing in noisy environments than adults! This is because their nervous systems are not mature. Children learn best in quiet, both at home and school.
- Noise or loud music can hurt your child's ears! Firecrackers are really dangerous –
  they can cause sudden permanent damage. Power tools, lawnmowers and even loud
  music can damage the delicate inner ear. When your child is around loud noises,
  protect them with earplugs or earmuffs or better still, avoid the noise.
- **Do you have concerns about your child's hearing?** Contact a <u>Public Health Unit</u> Hearing Clinic to arrange a hearing test for your child.

## For more information:

Your local <u>Public Health Unit</u> Hearing Clinic

## **Hearing Clinics:**

 Victoria
 250-388-2250

 West Shore
 250-519-3490

 Nanaimo
 250-755-6269

 Courtenay
 250-331-8526