

Sample Standard Threshold Shift (STS) Letter

Dear _____,

Your most recent audiometric test result was compared to your baseline audiogram. This comparison indicates that your hearing has deteriorated to the point where your hearing impairment constitutes a “standard threshold shift.” This is defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) as a relative hearing loss of an average of 10 decibels in either ear at the frequencies of 2000, 3000 and 4,000Hz.

An audiogram cannot define why you have a hearing loss, but there are many possible reasons such as infection, wax buildup in your ear and noise.

By taking the necessary action now, we can try to stop hearing loss from getting worse.

Consequently, we want to fit you with hearing protectors. Please call _____ to arrange an appointment with _____.

Whenever you are in a work environment that would result in noise exposure that equals or exceeds an 8 hour Time Weighted Average (TWA) of 85 decibels, hearing protection **must** be used.

Loss of hearing will affect you life. Preserve your hearing while you still have a chance.

Our _____ Department will attempt to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,