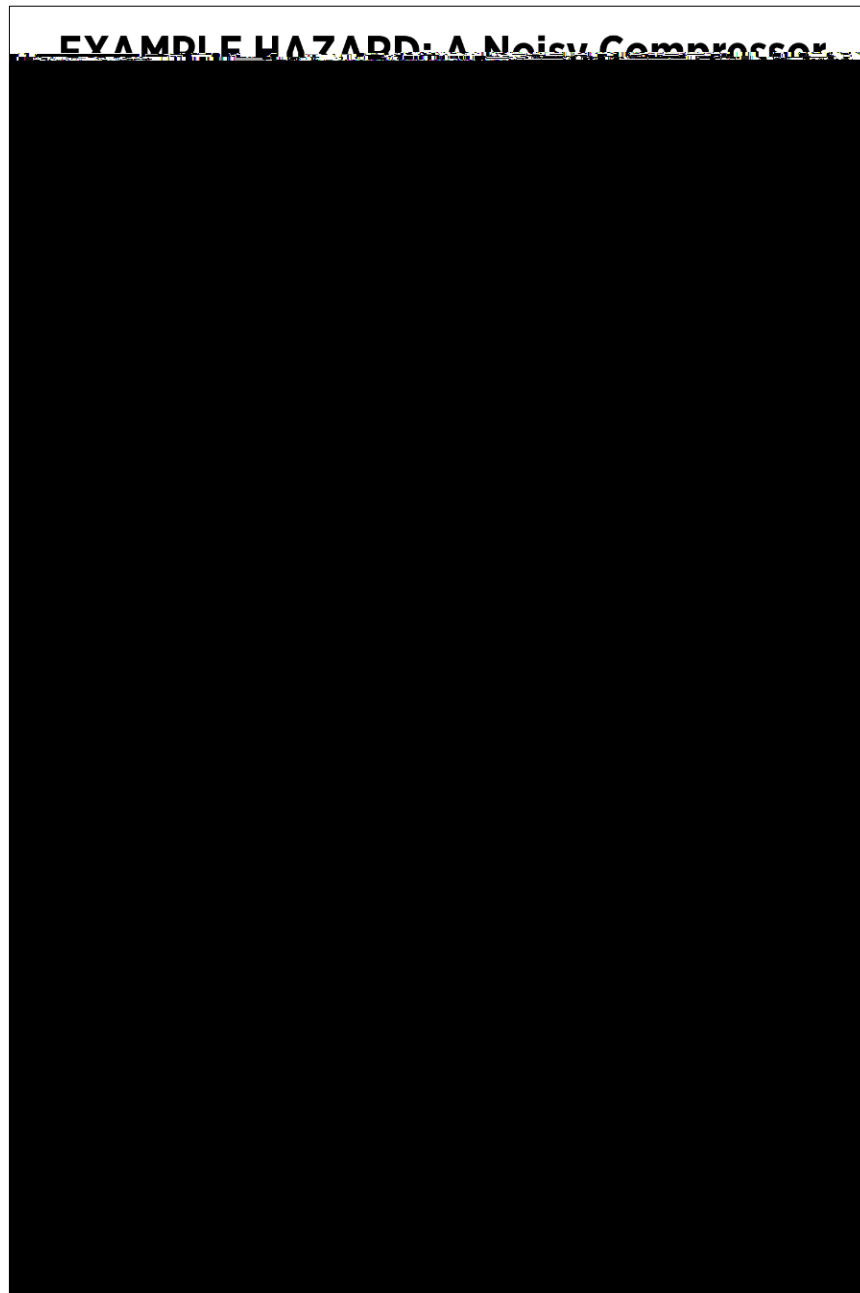


The hierarchy of controls is a method of identifying and ranking safeguards to protect workers from hazards. They are arranged from the most to least effective and include elimination, substitution, ds



Collaboratively choose the control(s) that falls highest on the hierarchy. If it will take time to implement, use one or more of the lower options you identified as interim controls until the permanent solution is in place. Remember that you may need a combination of control methods (such as engineering controls plus administrative controls) to provide the best level of protection. Be sure to comply with any workplace regulations which may require specific types of control for certain hazards.

Try applying the hierarchy of controls to hazards in your workplace. Brainstorm with workers and their representatives' possible controls at each level of the hierarchy. After brainstorming, go over the options and circle the control(s) to be implemented. See the example worksheet below and use the blank worksheet that follows.





## HIERARCHY OF CONTROLS WORKSHEET

Remember, often a combination of controls is most effective.

Hazard or hazardous situation/activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Control Method	New Hazard(s) Created
Elimination	
Substitution	
Engineering Controls	
Administrative Controls: Warnings	
Administrative Controls: Procedures and Training	
Personal Protective Equipment	