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Question: The requirement standard for earplugs EN 352-2:2002 is not explicitly limited to a certain age of the earplug users. The nominal size designation for aural earplugs is tested in the range between 5 and 14 mm. What requirements should be applied to the user information for earplugs that are specially designed and marketed for children?								
Solution: Additional instructions and information for the parents should be included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A warning that use of the earplugs is not suitable for children younger than five years of age since they are not able to give feedback on the quality of the fit (leakage, pain) to the adult inserting the earplug. Also other persons who are not able to give feedback (e.g. handicapped persons) should be excluded from using the product.- A description how to fit the earplugs to the ears of the child correctly.- A description how to remove the earplugs from the ears of the child.- A warning to check and make sure that the earplugs are worn correctly and continuously by the child.- A warning that the time a child stays in a noise area should be minimised.- A warning that excessive usage time can have adverse long term effects, e.g. due to the pressure in the ear canal; a recommendation for a usage time of approximately 90 min without break and approximately 3 h per day in total.								