## **PROPER** EAR PLUG FITTING

### PROPER FITTING FOR YOUR EAR PLUGS PAYS OFF IN THE LONG TERM.

THE CONSEQUENCES OF FAILING TO PROTECT YOUR HEARING MAY TAKE YEARS TO SHOW UP. PROLONGED EXPOSURE TO **NOISE EXCEEDING 85 DECIBELS** (DB), ABOUT THE SAME **LOUDNESS AS A VACUUM CLEANER, CAN CAUSE** PERMANENT HEARING LOSS.

#### **EAR PLUG FITTING**

- 1. WASH YOUR HANDS.
- 2. ROLL DON'T JUST **SQUEEZE THE EARPLUGS**
- 3. PULL YOUR EAR UP
- 4. INSERT THE PLUG **DEEPLY INTO THE** EAR CANAL.



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#### FITTING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. WASH YOUR HANDS PRIOR TO INSERTING EAR PLUGS TO PREVENT ANY DIRT OR GERMS FROM ENTERING YOUR EAR CANAL.
- 2. BEFORE INSERTING A FOAM PLUG, REMEMBER TO FIRST ROLL THE PLUG FIRMLY BETWEEN YOUR THUMB AND FORE FINGER. DO NOT JUST SQUEEZE THE EAR PLUG AS YOU MAY NOT GET PROPER FITTING.
- 3. USE YOUR FREE HAND TO LIFT YOUR EAR UP, AND BACK THIS WILL STRAIGHTEN THE EAR CANAL.
- 4. WHILE YOU'RE INSERTING THE PLUG, HOLD IT IN PLACE FOR A FEW SECONDS TO ALLOW THE MATERIAL TO EXPAND.
- 5. IF THE PLUG FEELS TIGHT AT FIRST, IT'S PROBABLY A GOOD FIT. IF IT FEELS LOOSE, IT'S TOO SMALL.
- 6. WHEN A PLUG IS PROPERLY FITTED, YOUR VOICE WILL SOUND TO YOU AS THOUGH IT'S LOWER AND MORE MUFFLED, AS THOUGH YOU WERE INSIDE A BARREL.

CORRECT FITTING: WHEN PROPERLY INSERTED, THE BOTTOM EDGE OF EAR PLUG IS LOCATED AT THE OPENING OF THE EAR CANAL.

INCORRECT FITTING: A PORTION OF THE EARPLUG IS NOT IN THE EAR CANAL, REDUCING THE EFFECTIVENESS.