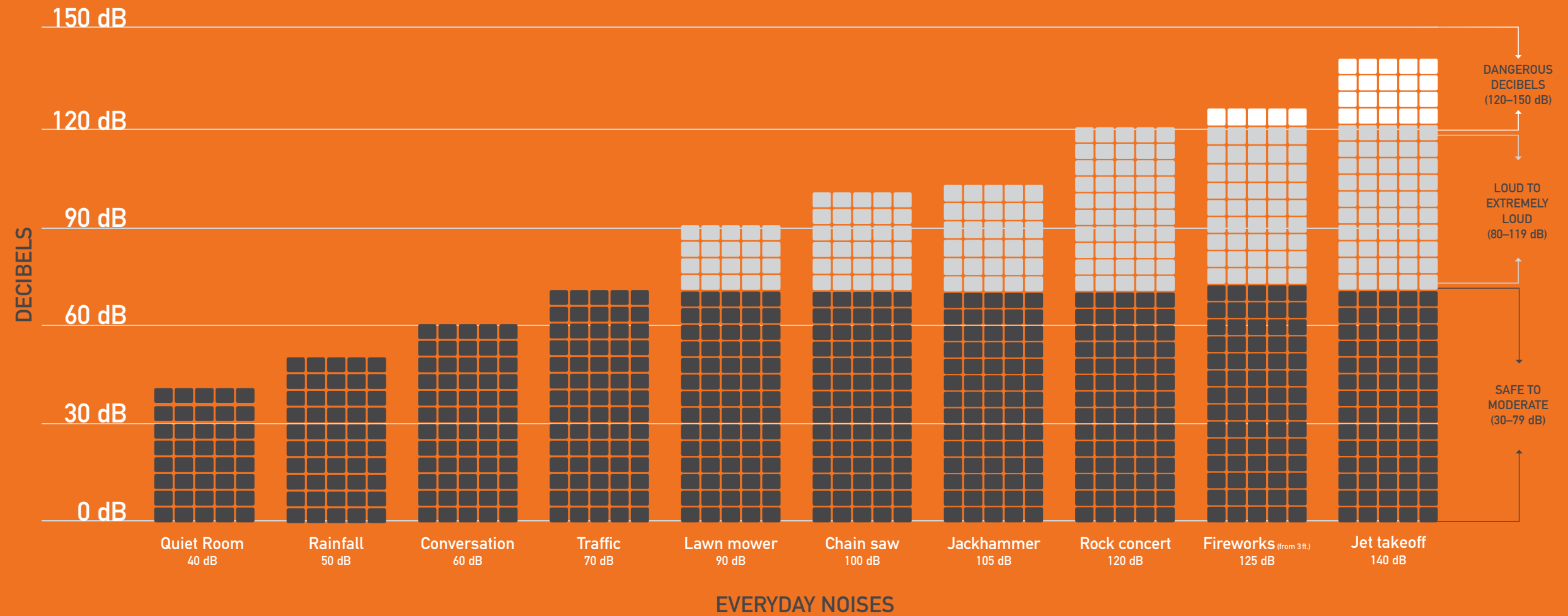


listen carefully.

Hearing is fragile. So don't listen loudly. Listen carefully.

How loud are the noises around you? Loud noise, measured in units called decibels (dBs), can damage your hearing. In fact, 10 million Americans suffer from irreversible noise-induced hearing loss. Noise levels greater than 80 decibels for long periods can be dangerous, and as you can see on this chart, you might not even realize how loud some everyday noises can be.



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