Facilities Management has a New Policy:

No MP3 Players or other devices that impair your hearing are to be worn while working.

Why?

1. Reduced Situational Awareness
   Headphones impair your ability to hear the sounds in your immediate surroundings. You can be distracted from the task being performed and unable to hear audible warning alarms.

2. Entanglement
   Injuries can occur if the headphones and/or the wiring connecting the headphones to the audio device get entangled into equipment or machinery in close proximity.

3. Permanent Hearing Damage
   Permanent noise induced hearing loss can occur from exposure to high noise levels (85db or higher) for extended periods of time.

4. Hazardous Materials Exposure
   Injury or illness can occur by introducing hazardous materials into the ear canal. You can touch hazardous materials and adjust your earbuds resulting in your inner ear being exposed to these chemicals.

5. Electrical Shock
   Unapproved electrical products present a high-risk of shock and fire hazards. When purchasing electrical products, always look for the recognized certification agency marks.