Step-hear™ will automatically adjust the playback volume according to two environments: a noisy environment and a quiet environment. When on standby, the unit will be sensing the noise level for 3 seconds, at intervals of 30 seconds. Based on this detection, it will define the environment's noise level as NOISY or QUIET.

On the Unit, Button 1 has been assigned to adjust the volume for playback in a NOISY environment and Button 3 has been assigned to adjust the volume for playback in a QUIET environment. For each environment, the volume may be adjusted to three different levels by pressing the buttons (1 and 3) once, twice or three times and then it will re-loop.

After having recorded your message, you should define what level of volume (of the 3 levels) should be used in each setting, in a NOISY environment (button 1) and in a QUIET environment (button 3). When Step-Hear™ is installed in a NOISY environment the volume level that you selected for Button1 will be used during playback. Otherwise, if the environment's noise level is QUIET, the volume level that you set for Button3 will be used during playback. We recommend that you set the level to the highest volume level on button 1 and on button 3.

As the unit is sensing the surroundings for 3 seconds every 30 seconds, messages will be played using either the QUIET setting (button 3) or the NOISY setting (button 1). If the unit has sensed for 3 seconds a QUIET environment at the 30 second interval, the unit is prompted to do the next playback using the QUIET volume setting (button 3). However, if a few seconds before the playback the environment changes to NOISY, the playback will still use the QUIET setting. The NOISY environment setting will be used in the next playback only if the unit has sensed for 3 seconds a NOISY environment at the next sensing interval (every 30 seconds).

The unit will not detect the environment's noise level whilst playing.