



SILICA DUST KILLS

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Has the PCBU/employer met its obligations under Workplace, Health and Safety (WHS) laws to effectively manage workplace exposure to dust & silica dust?		Yes/No	Comments
Air monitoring and ventilation	Workers are not exposed to dust/silica dust in excess of the Workplace Exposure Standard (WES) of 0.05mg/m ³ (average of 8hrs working day) or 0.042mg/m ³ (averaged over 12hrs over 4 days).		
	Workplace exposure monitoring for dust/silica dust is regularly undertaken to verify that workplace controls are effective in maintaining workers exposures to dust/silica dust below the WES.		
	Ventilation/extraction systems are in place and working. <i>How does your employer check to ensure they are working properly?</i>		
PPE	Workers respiratory protection is fitted and worn in accordance with AS/NZS 1715.		
Training	Workers receive training with respect to the health risks associated with dust/silica dust in their workplace, as well as how to minimise exposure to silica dust.		
Amenities	Separate clean amenities room is provided for food preparation and eating. Work laundry is provided for dusty clothes.		
Health monitoring	The employer conducts health monitoring such as (1) CT scan every 5 years, (2) occupational history exposure record and review every 12 months and (3) respiratory (breathing/lung) function test every 12 months to identify signs and symptoms of workplace exposure to dust/silica dust.		



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IS YOUR WORKPLACE SAFE FROM SILICIA DUST EXPOSURE?

What actions can I take?

If your employer is not meeting any one of their obligations (listed above) to effectively manage workplace exposure to dust & silica dust from the checklist above, take the following steps:

- 1) Raise the problem with your employer, providing them with an opportunity to respond and fix the issue.
- 2) Ensure you and your workmates demonstrate visible support for solutions to minimise the risks of silica dust exposure.
- 3) If your employer fails to or refuses to make the situation safe, contact your union HSR/Delegate or Organiser immediately, with this completed checklist as well as details of your employer's response or lack of response to fix the problem.