



# 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
<b>Air monitoring and ventilation</b>	Workers are not exposed to dust/silica dust in excess of the Workplace Exposure Standard ( <b>WES</b> ) of 0.05mg/m <sup>3</sup> (average of 8hrs working day) or 0.042mg/m <sup>3</sup> (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>		
<b>PPE</b>	Workers respiratory protection is fitted and worn in accordance with AS/NZS 1715.		
<b>Training</b>	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.		
<b>Amenities</b>	Separate clean amenities room is provided for food preparation and eating. Work laundry is provided for dusty clothes.		
<b>Health monitoring</b>	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.