

A LITTLE BIT OF DUST CAN'T HURT ME...



Silica dust can cause cancer

- Silica dust isn't like the dust in your home. Silica dust particles are tiny and can get deep inside your lungs causing permanent damage.
- An estimated 230 Australians develop lung cancer each year after breathing in dust from materials such as stone, bricks and concrete.
- You make silica dust when you do things like drill, saw, cut, sand, or grind stone, concrete, slates, tile, some plastic composites and many other materials.
- Reduce the risk by using these methods every time:
 - Use tools with water suppression whenever possible.
 - Use local exhaust ventilation to remove dust at the point it is produced.
 - Operate on-tool extraction on hand held devices.
 - Wear a well-fitted and maintained respirator.

KNOW THE EXPOSURE, USE THE CONTROLS, REDUCE YOUR RISK

To learn about the control measures you can use at your workplace to reduce your risk please visit cancer.org.au/go/workcancer.

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