



Safety Reboot

Respirable Crystalline Silica

Discussion Aid



This discussion aid has been developed to assist the person facilitating the Safety Reboot discussion on Respirable Crystalline Silica. It provides pointers to get conversation going and is not a full explanation of all health and safety requirements related to this subject and should not be relied on as such.

1. Is silica dust produced in this workplace?
For example, are concrete or concrete products drilled/ cut/ chased on this project.
2. What tasks would produce silica dust?
For example, are there cutting/ drilling operations of blocks & bricks / roofing or flooring tiles undertaken
3. Who could be affected by the silica dust produced by each of the tasks?
Brickies/tilers/roofers/ cleaners etc
4. How can you minimise the level of dust being produced?
Dampening/ dust extraction
5. If you are involved with operations which produces silica dust, have you been face fit tested?
Yes/ no
6. Have you seen or have had a silica dust risk assessment communicated to you?
Yes/ No
7. What health conditions can silica dust cause?
Silicosis/ asthma/ lung cancer
8. How could a worker's family be affected if they contracted a health condition associated with silica dust?
Loved one becomes sick, loss of earnings, mortgage/ loan arrears