

DUST TO DUST.

Silica dust can kill you

- Each year in Australia, an estimated 230 workers get lung cancer after breathing in dust from materials such as artificial and natural 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. Tiny amounts of this fine dust can damage your lungs permanently.
- 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/workcancer or scan the QR code (using 'camera' on your smartphone).



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