Diesel engine exhaust emissions can kill you

If you breathe in damaging diesel engine exhaust emissions most days at work, you could get lung or possibly bladder cancer. In Australia, it’s estimated that one person every three days is diagnosed with a lung cancer caused by diesel engine exhaust emissions exposure at work. Make sure you know and use the control measures at your workplace to reduce your risk.

Don’t let diesel engine exhaust emissions be your death sentence.

Look out for signs that diesel may be a problem:

- walls or surfaces are covered in soot
- there is a smoky haze when diesel engines are used
- there is blue or black smoke coming from diesel engine exhaust emissions

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.

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If you’re not using an engine, don’t just leave it running - turn it off. Remember to warm up cold engines in a space with good ventilation - diesel engine exhaust emissions are worse from a cold engine.

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- if possible, substitute diesel powered engines with electric or gas powered engines - especially if working in an enclosed space
- use extraction pipes or local exhaust ventilation when you’ve got a diesel engine running
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- use ultra low sulphur diesel fuels if possible

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If your respiratory protective equipment doesn’t fit, it doesn’t work

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If you need to wear respiratory protective equipment to reduce your exposure to diesel engine exhaust emissions, make sure it fits properly. Ask your boss or health and safety rep if you’re not sure; you should be face fit tested and trained in their use.

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