



Managing respirable crystalline silica dust exposure

Australia's first silica dust code of practice for the construction industry commences in Queensland on 1 May 2023.

The *Managing respirable crystalline silica dust exposure in construction and manufacturing of construction elements Code of Practice 2022* will commence in Queensland on 1 May 2023.

It applies to all construction work as well as the manufacturing of materials such as bricks, blocks, tiles, mortar and concrete.

The Code gives practical guidance on how to protect workers by eliminating or minimising their exposure to respirable crystalline silica, using:

- tried and tested dust control methods that prevent silica dust from being generated or being released into the air, including water suppression and on-tool dust extraction
- appropriate respirable protective equipment (where needed)
- exposure data from air monitoring to check dust controls are effective
- health monitoring for at risk workers
- consultation, training, education, instruction and supervision.

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