

Cut the Dust

Campaign to Tackle Deadly Silica Exposure

Did you know

Cutting roof tiles releases respirable crystalline silica (RCS) dust (typically 30 - 45% silica content) and can lead to lung cancer, silicosis, emphysema, and chronic respiratory disease.

Your legal duty

Under the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations, employers must prevent or adequately control exposure to hazardous substances, including silica dust.

This is not optional.



Information available

'*Cut the Dust*' is a campaign providing resources to help every individual operating, manufacturing, or distributing tiles, slates and mortar to understand, identify, and prevent exposure to silica dust in roofing. Just because the risk may be invisible, the consequences are not.

The '*Cut the Dust*' pledge calls on roofers, contractors, principal contractors, and suppliers to commit to:

- Controlling every cut—no uncontrolled dry cutting
- Using water suppression or on-tool extraction
- Wearing suitable respiratory protective equipment (RPE): minimum FFP3 where required
- Eliminating dry sweeping and blowing of dust
- Training teams and challenging unsafe practices.



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Any organisation can pledge support for the campaign. Pledging support means that the organisation/individual has read and understood the guidance, and is committed to promoting and implementing the campaign throughout their organisation.

TAKE ACTION

To drive real change requires awareness, education, and prevention. NFRC is calling the whole supply chain to collaborate, adopt change, and build new habits. Pledge your support using the QR code below to receive your campaign pack containing a certificate demonstrating your support, a campaign poster, flyer, and social media graphic.

WHY PLEDGE

By pledging your support, you demonstrate your commitment to:

- Understanding the risks associated with silica dust exposure
- Implementing effective dust control measures, including controlling dust at source
- Avoiding uncontrolled dry cutting activities
- Providing appropriate respiratory protective equipment (RPE) where required
- Promoting good practice across your workforce and supply chain



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