

Controlling the risks of wood dust

Wood dust can cause serious and often irreversible health problems, including sino-nasal cancer, asthma, as well as dermatitis.

**As wood dust is
hazardous to health,
employers have a legal
responsibility to prevent
or adequately control
exposure in the
workplace.**

Make sure you're ready
for HSE Inspections this
summer.



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Avoid generating dust where possible.
I.e. having timbers manufactured off site
or using a block cutter instead of a Stihl
saw for cutting blocks.



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Ensure RAMS and CoSHH assessments are in place and that all operatives have been inducted and signed their RAMS.



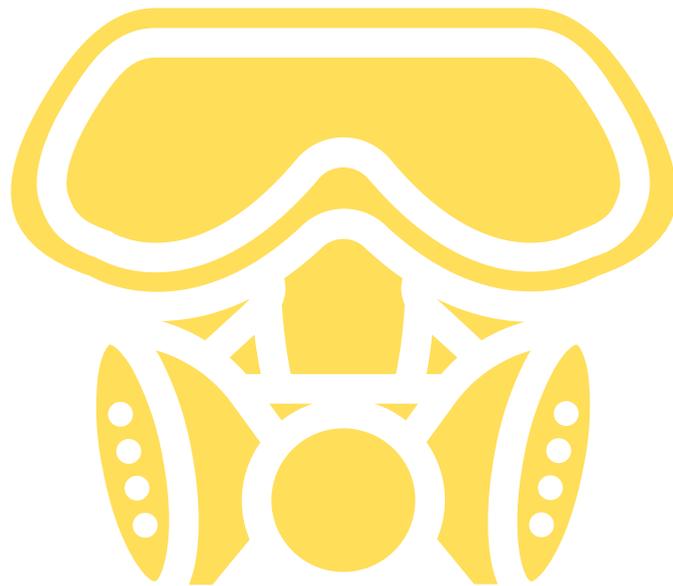
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Ensure dust suppression techniques are used (extraction, damping down, hoovering instead of sweeping).



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Where RPE is required it should be face fitted to the operative and records of face fit testing should be on site



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