

**Make Dust History: Protect the Tools You Can't Replace**

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## PROTECT THE TOOLS YOU CAN'T REPLACE

Dust exposure from construction-related tasks can pose severe health problems. Following the right procedures and using the right tools can significantly help to minimize your risk.

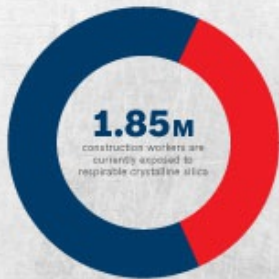
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**SILICOSIS IS 100% PREVENTABLE\***



### Let's dive into the facts.\*



MORE THAN **640,000** are exposed to silica levels that exceed the Occupational Safety & Health Administration's (OSHA) proposed Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL)

#### CAUSES OF DUST EXPOSURE



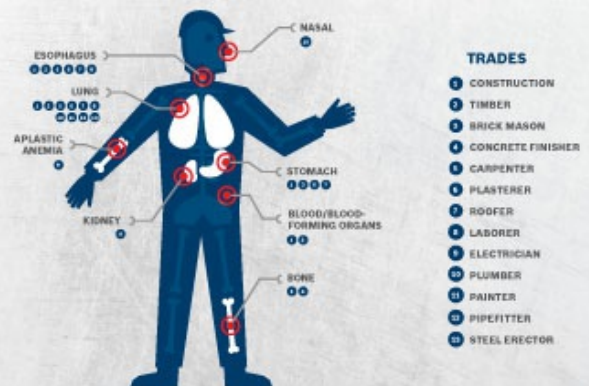
#### WHAT IS RESPIRABLE CRYSTALLINE SILICA?

PARTICLES SMALL ENOUGH TO BE BREATHABLE THAT CONTAIN CRYSTALLINE SILICA (QUARTZ, CRISTOBALITE OR TRIDYMITTE). THEY ARE CREATED DURING PROCESSES INVOLVING THE CHIPPING, CUTTING, DRILLING OR GRINDING OF MATERIALS THAT CONTAIN ANY CRYSTALLINE SILICA.



#### ARE YOU AT RISK?

Prolonged exposure to dust has been linked to several types of cancer. Workers in different trades face increased risks of specific illnesses.



#### OSHA IS CRACKING DOWN

IN 2016, OSHA REDUCED THE PEL OF RESPIRABLE CRYSTALLINE SILICA AVERAGED OVER AN 8-HOUR SHIFT BY SIX.

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#### BUT IT'S NOT ALL BAD

WORKERS CAN HELP PREVENT EXPOSURE TO DUST AND OTHER PARTICLES BY FOLLOWING THESE SIMPLE GUIDELINES:

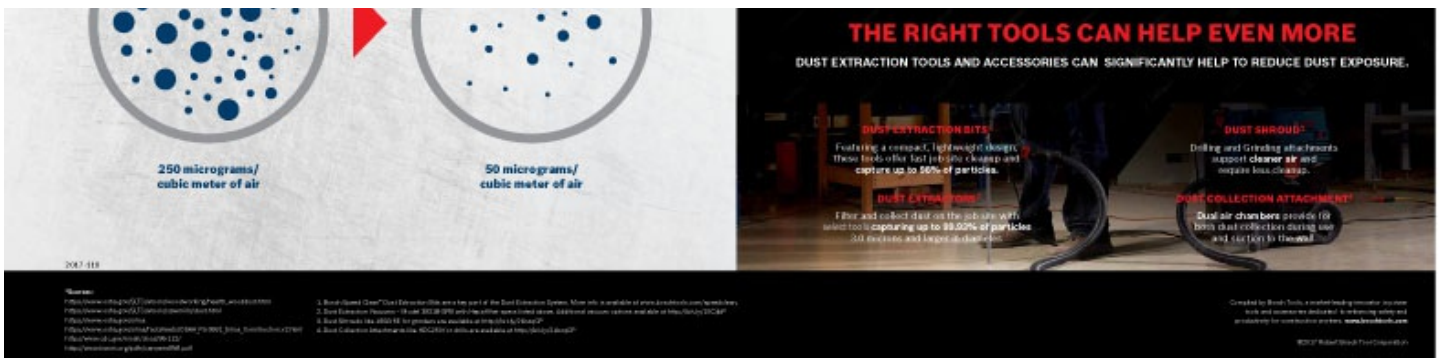


Wear protective respirators and dust masks during construction tasks


Do not eat, drink or use tobacco products in dusty areas

Wash hands and face before eating, drinking or using tobacco products outside of dusty areas

Park cars where they will not be contaminated with silica, lead, wood dust, etc.



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Additional assets available online: 

<http://pressroom.boschtools.com/OSHA-silica-dust-infographic>