

Wood Dust Picture This

CONSTRUCTION DUST

**OVER 500
WORKERS DIE EVERY YEAR**

TYPES OF DUST

- **SILICA DUST** – Created when working on silica containing materials like concrete, mortar and sandstone (also known as respirable crystalline silica or RCS).
- **WOOD DUST** – Created when working on softwood, hardwood and wood-based products like MDF and plywood.
- **LOWER TOXICITY DUST** – Created when working on materials containing very little or no silica. The most common include gypsum (e.g. in plasterboard), limestone, marble and dolomite.

HEALTH RISKS

Anyone who breathes in these dusts should know the damage they can do to the lungs and airways. The main dust-related diseases affecting construction workers are:

- **LUNG CANCER**
- **COPD** (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease)
- **SILICOSIS**
- **ASTHMA**

**STAY PROTECTED
AGAINST DUST**

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Construction dust is not just a nuisance; it can seriously damage your health and some types can eventually even kill.

