

# Working Safely with Ceramics



**Never use compressed air to move dust.  
Dry sweeping is prohibited.**



## Take Action

You need to minimise the amount of Silica Dust being breathed-in by reducing the amount of airborne dust. Look carefully at the control measures that can be used; (e.g. mist bottles, work trays).

## Before, during and after

### Procedures

Wash down the workroom at the end of each day's work and clear up spills. To eliminate Silica Dust wet cleaning only. Clear up scrap and spills regularly - never let slip, clay or glaze spills dry out.

Use a Type H vacuum cleaner fitted with a HEPA filter to clear up dust if wet washing is not possible.

## Training

All users of products and equipment should be thoroughly trained on the hazards associated with Silica Dust to ensure that the risks have been reduced.

## Care and Maintenance

- To ensure work areas is maintained and properly cleaned;
- Formal inspection and record system may needs to be established;
- Damaged or worn equipment must be immediately removed from service and a 'Danger - Do Not Operate' tag affixed, repaired or replaced;
- Products and equipment must be stored correctly, and;
- Manufacturers and staff advice on care, maintenance and inspection shall be followed.