

TOOLBOX TALK — BOARD DUST — PLASTERBOARD, MDF AND THE FINE STUFF

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Five to ten minutes at the workplace, spoken by the supervisor, recorded below — and two-way, or it is not a talk

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WHY THIS TALK: Plasterboard dust and MDF dust are not silica, but they still fill the lungs, and hardwood dust is a carcinogen with an exposure limit of its own. Cutting boards dry in a room full of trades is a habit that has to change.

1 THE SESSION

SITE / PROJECT	DELIVERED BY	DATE	TIME

2 THE POINTS TO MAKE — TICK AS COVERED, IN YOUR OWN WORDS

☐	Score and snap plasterboard where you can; the saw and the router are for what will not snap, and they run with extraction
☐	MDF and hardwood dust are treated as carcinogenic: on-tool extraction with the right class of vacuum, and an FFP3 on top where the RAMS says
☐	Cut outside or in the cutting area, not in the room the other trades are finishing — your dust is in their lungs and on their paint
☐	No dry sweeping and no airline blow-down; a vacuum with the right filter, and the bag or drum emptied without recreating the cloud
☐	Sanding joints is a dust job as much as cutting: extraction on the sander or a wet method — the pole sander in a closed room is the worst of it
☐	Check the current workplace exposure limit for the dust you are making and write it in the RAMS from the source — do not rely on memory
☐	Skin and eyes: gypsum dust dries skin and irritates eyes; wash it off, and goggles when cutting overhead
MADE SPECIFIC TO THIS SITE	

3 ASK THE CREW — AND WRITE DOWN WHAT COMES BACK

- Where does board cutting happen on this site, and who is working in that room?
 - What class of vacuum is on the sander and the saw, and when was the filter last changed?
 - Which trade here has been sanding joints with no extraction this week?
- WHAT THE CREW RAISED, AND WHAT HAPPENS ABOUT IT

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4 WHO WAS THERE

NAME	COMPANY	SIGNATURE

RECORD COMPLETED BY	SIGNATURE	DATE	FILED WHERE

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