

TOOLBOX TALK — CONSTRUCTION DUST — THE SLOW KILLER

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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: More construction workers die from dust-caused disease every year than from every site accident combined. Silica, wood and plaster dust do their damage invisibly, over years, and there is no undo.

1 THE SESSION

SITE / PROJECT

DELIVERED BY

DATE

TIME

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

- The dust you can see settling is not the problem — the fraction that kills is too fine to see and hangs for hours
- Water or extraction at the point of cutting, grinding or sanding — every time, not when someone is watching
- A cut-off saw without water on concrete or stone is a silica generator strapped to your hands
- The mask is the last line, and only a face-fitted FFP3 counts — a dust mask from the van with a beard under it is a comfort blanket
- No dry sweeping — vacuum or wet clean; blowing down with an airline is spreading it into everyone's lungs
- Your dust is everyone's dust: segregate dusty work from other trades
- Empty extractor bags and filters gently — the clean-up can undo the whole day's control

MADE SPECIFIC TO THIS SITE

3 ASK THE CREW — AND WRITE DOWN WHAT COMES BACK

- Which task this week makes the most dust, and what is on the tool to control it?
- Whose face-fit test is out of date, or was done clean-shaven when they are not now?
- Where does dusty work happen upwind or upstairs of other people here?

WHAT THE CREW RAISED, AND WHAT HAPPENS ABOUT IT

4 WHO WAS THERE

NAME	COMPANY	SIGNATURE

RECORD COMPLETED BY

SIGNATURE

DATE

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R REVISION HISTORY

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