

Silica



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SILICOSIS

Each year 300 people die from a disease called silicosis.

Are you or your workers among the 2 million exposed to silica each year?

This Advisor will help you comply with the OSHA standard on respirable crystalline silica by guiding you through the following steps:



1. [Determine if Silica exposure is present in your workplace](#)
2. [Obtain a measurement of Silica concentration](#)
3. [Determine if there is more Silica than OSHA allows](#)
4. [Take adequate measures of protection](#)

By evaluating your workplace for potential silica hazards and then taking appropriate actions, employers and employees will be able to avoid:

Silicosis, a 100% preventable disease.

The often [deadly consequences](#) of silicosis.

Non-compliance with legal standards and possible [citations](#).



A [checklist](#) can remind you of questions to ask throughout the process.

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