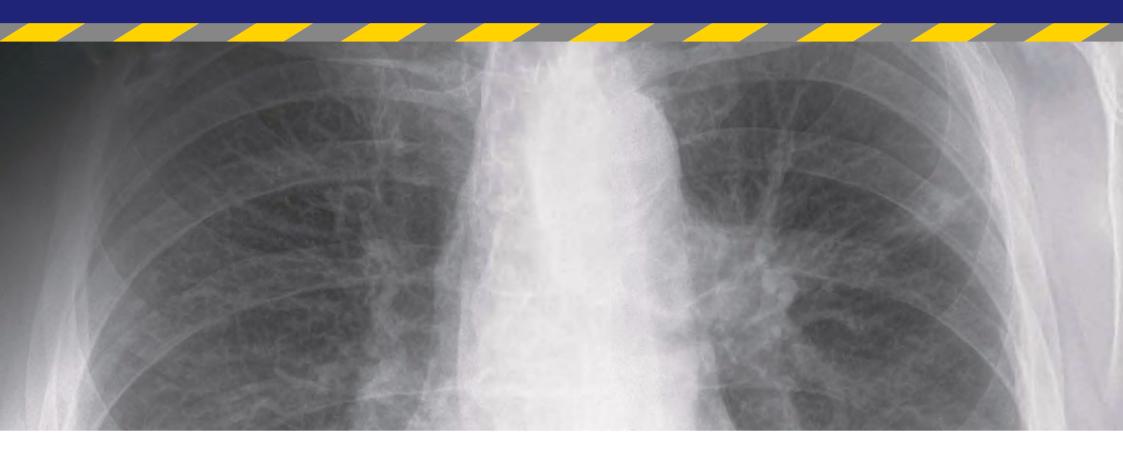
## A LITTLE BIT OF DUST CAN'T HURT ME...



## Silica dust can cause cancer

- Silica dust isn't like the dust in your home. Silica dust particles are tiny and can get deep inside your lungs causing permanent damage.
- An estimated 230 Australians develop lung cancer each year after breathing in dust from materials such as stone, bricks and concrete.
- You make silica dust when you do things like drill, saw, cut, sand, or grind stone, concrete, slates, tile, some plastic composites and many other materials.
- Reduce the risk by using these methods every time:
  - Use tools with water suppression whenever possible.
  - Use local exhaust ventilation to remove dust at the point it is produced.
  - Operate on-tool extraction on hand held devices.
  - Wear a well-fitted and maintained respirator.

## **KNOW THE EXPOSURE, USE THE CONTROLS, REDUCE YOUR RISK**

To learn about the control measures you can use at your workplace to reduce your risk please visit **cancer.org.au/go/workcancer.** 

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