



## Dust – Quarries Good Housekeeping Initiative

**Statement of Commitment:** My organisation commits to improving on-site housekeeping practices to prevent or reduce settled dust

### 1. Leadership and Commitment

**Demonstrate that tackling exposure to dust and implementing good housekeeping is a priority**

- Manage workplace health risks from dust as an integrated element of delivering business
- Develop a culture of prevention of exposure to dust; put in place procedures to address potential exposures due to either a lack of housekeeping or poor housekeeping practices
- Ensure operational managers and health and safety advisors understand the potential consequences on health of dust exposure
- Designate named management responsible for overseeing housekeeping activities

### 2. Planning and prevention

**Implement good practice**

- Identify and eliminate or reduce where possible sources of dust emission; ensure equipment is appropriate
- Ensure instructions in maintenance manuals are followed to keep equipment in effective and efficient working order to reduce settled dust
- Plan regular maintenance/housekeeping activities to minimise the build-up of settled dust
- Do not allow dust to accumulate, ensure spills are cleared up promptly using appropriate methods
- Provide easily cleaned welfare facilities that are regularly maintained; provide separate storage areas for clean and contaminated workwear and PPE
- Provide the appropriate tools and equipment for cleaning activities

### 3. Competency, training and behaviours

**Ensure every manager and worker is on board, is competent and takes ownership**

- Involve the workforce in taking decisions about health and safety
- Inform the workforce including contractors about the potential health risks from dust exposure due to poor housekeeping and instruct the workforce on good housekeeping practices including the use of RPE
- Monitor effectiveness of controls; ensure the workforce is working in the right way during maintenance, cleaning and housekeeping operations

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