

# Quarries Partnership Team Dust Initiative

## Purpose

- To reduce the incidence of respiratory disease in workers within the quarrying industry by further raising awareness of the risks of exposure via inhalation, to hazardous dusts in the workplace
- To improve workers' knowledge concerning exposure to dust in the workplace
- To share, promote and encourage good control practices in the workplace
- Ultimately to bring about a change in attitudes and behaviours to workplace 'dust'

## Scope

The Dust Initiative will:

- Focus on Respirable Crystalline Silica and workplace dust regardless of its mineral content
- Focus on exposure to 'dusts' within the workplace of a quarry
- Identify and work with those persons in the industry who are best placed to promote successfully the agreed key messages
- Build upon the work of the European 'Silica' Social Dialogue Agreement
- Include in its target group all quarry workers who may be at risk of exposure to 'dusts' in the workplace
- Potential dust initiative audience could include employers, workers and their representatives and those providing products and services to the mineral industry
- Develop ideas, plan and deliver activities in line with the purpose stated above

## Quarries Partnership Team

Quarries Partnership Team members have agreed to work together and/or independently to further increase awareness of the risks associated with the inhalation of dust within the quarrying industry and continue to promote good control practices.

## Members of the Quarries Partnership Team include:

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| ■ British Aggregates Association   | ■ Mineral Products Association            |
| ■ Burlington Stone                 | ■ Mineral Products Qualifications Council |
| ■ CEMEX UK                         | ■ Safety Horizon Ltd                      |
| ■ GMB Union                        | ■ Silica and Moulding Sands Association   |
| ■ Hanson                           | ■ Sibelco UK                              |
| ■ Health and Safety Executive      | ■ Tarmac                                  |
| ■ Institute of Quarrying           | ■ Unite the Union                         |
| ■ Lafarge Aggregates & Concrete UK | ■ J. Wainwright & Co                      |
| ■ Marshalls                        |   |

