

Chapter 7

Safety Training for Workers

⇒ ⇒ ⇒ IF YOUR COMPANY USES SILICA ABRASIVES, YOU MUST:

Make sure you and all shop workers receive training regarding the hazards of working with silica.

Make sure you're told how to work safely in your shop.

⇒ ⇒ ⇒ WHY ARE THESE STEPS IMPORTANT?

Safety training is the essential solution to making your shop a safer place to work. No company should assign you to blast without first making sure you know the hazards of the job and how to do the job safely. You and your coworkers should be trained to work safely, and what the health effects may be if you don't. If your shop hasn't received effective training, no one can be expected to know how to work safely. **The more you know, the better you can protect yourself.**

⇒ ⇒ ⇒ What are the legal requirements?

Not only does safety training makes good sense, it is legally required by the MIOSHA regulations. MIOSHA requires training that includes:

- ⇒ the health effects of silica;
- ⇒ the jobs and processes in your shop that can result in overexposure to silica;
- ⇒ ways you can detect exposure to silica and control that exposure (ventilation systems, safe work practices, respirators, and other protective equipment);
- ⇒ Details about the MIOSHA Right to Know (Hazard Communication) Law and your company's written Hazard Communication program.

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Appendix XI contains information about the MIOSHA Right to Know Law (Hazard Communication as well as a:

- MIOSHA Model for a Hazard Communication Program
- MIOSHA Right-To-Know Compliance Guide
- MIOSHA CET Onsite Consultation Abatement Method Advice Publication OSC #6187: MIOSHA Right to Know, Hazard Communication Compliance Checklist and Sample Written Hazard Communication Program

Appendix XII contains information about employee safety training requirements of the MIOSHA Construction and General Industry and Agriculture standards.

This manual makes an excellent training tool for your employees.
It may be reproduced and distributed for training materials.

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