

Concrete Cutting Silica Dust Exposure Checklist

Site / Project	_____	Address	_____
Inspector name	_____	Company	_____
Date	_____	Time	_____

Documentation aid only. Adapt this resource to the site, manufacturer instructions, and applicable local requirements. It does not replace a competent person, professional judgment, legal advice, or a required statutory form.

Inspection checklist

Table 1 Compliance Verification

☐ Is the concrete cutting task listed in OSHA's Table 1?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ Is there a written exposure control plan addressing silica hazards, as required by OSHA?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ Has a competent person been designated to implement and oversee the silica exposure control plan?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ Does the implemented control method (wet cutting, HEPA vacuum) precisely match the requirements specified in Table 1 for the specific cutting task?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ If Table 1 is NOT followed, has an alternative exposure assessment (objective data or scheduled monitoring) been conducted to determine worker exposure levels?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ If objective data is used, is it readily available and representative of current working conditions?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ Are housekeeping practices in place to minimize visible dust accumulation (e.g., regular cleanup of dust and debris)?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ Have all workers received training on silica hazards, control methods, and proper respirator use?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ Is a medical surveillance program in place for workers exposed to silica at or above the action level?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____

☐	Are records of exposure monitoring, objective data, and medical surveillance maintained as required?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
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Wet Cutting Methods

☐	Is the water supply sufficient to continuously suppress dust at the cutting point?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
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☐	Are water spray nozzles in good working condition, properly positioned, and free from obstructions?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
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☐	Is the water flow rate adequate to visibly suppress dust during cutting operations?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
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☐	Is there a system in place to contain and manage slurry runoff to prevent environmental contamination?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
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☐	If potable water is used, is backflow prevention in place to protect the water supply?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
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☐	Is the slurry being disposed of in accordance with local environmental regulations?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
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☐	Is the wet cutting equipment properly maintained to ensure effective dust suppression?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
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☐	Does the wet cutting method reduce visibility, creating other hazards? Are additional controls in place (e.g., lighting)?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
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HEPA Vacuum Systems

☐	Is the HEPA vacuum certified to meet HEPA filter standards (99.97% efficiency at 0.3 microns)?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
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☐	Is the HEPA filter intact and free from damage or leaks?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
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☐	Are vacuum hoses in good condition, properly connected, and free from obstructions?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
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☐	Is the vacuum providing adequate suction at the cutting point to capture dust?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
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☐	Is the dust collection receptacle properly sealed and emptied regularly to prevent overfilling?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
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☐	Is there a documented filter replacement schedule based on manufacturer's recommendations and usage?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
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☐	Are maintenance records kept for the HEPA vacuum, including filter replacements and repairs?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Is the vacuum exhaust directed away from workers and other areas where dust could be re-entrained?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Is a pre-use inspection of the HEPA vacuum conducted daily to ensure proper functioning?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____

Respiratory Protection

☐	Are workers provided with respirators appropriate for the level of silica exposure, as determined by Table 1 or exposure assessment?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Have workers been fit-tested for their respirators within the past year?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Have workers been medically evaluated to ensure they are able to wear a respirator?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Have workers been trained on the proper use, maintenance, and storage of their respirators?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are workers performing a user seal check each time they put on their respirator?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are respirators stored in a clean, dry place to prevent damage or contamination?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are respirators cleaned and disinfected regularly?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Is a written respiratory protection program in place, as required by OSHA?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Do workers have facial hair that interferes with the respirator seal?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____

Findings

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Signature

Inspector signature _____

Name _____

Date _____