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# INTRODUCTION

1. recognises the importance of implementing a range of control measures to reduce the risk of respiratory disease. Tasks that give rise to a significant risk of respiratory disease will be assessed, and where it is reasonably practicable, will eliminate the task or the use of hazardous substances.

# HAZARDS & RISKS

1. Dust in the lungs has both immediate and long-term effects. It can cause additional physical stress for the person, resulting in fatigue or shortness of breath. Long-term exposure to dust can be accompanied by congestion, coughing or wheezing, sensitivity to dust, and frequent respiratory infections such as colds, bronchitis, and pneumonia. Over time, exposure to dust can result in serious respiratory illnesses, such as farmer's lung, asthma.

# CONTROLS

1. To reduce the risks from occupational asthma, the company will assess the potential and introduce controls to reduce the risk to an acceptable level.
2. To maintain a safe working environment for all employees and others who may be affected by our working processes, will: -

* Carry out a risk assessment, implement controls that will prevent the exposure of employees (and others) to substances with the potential to cause occupational asthma.
* Report any, GP diagnosed, notifiable disease to the enforcing authority.
* Provide suitable health surveillance and maintain records for all employees exposed or liable to be exposed to respiratory sensitisers.
* Communicate appropriate information and instruction to employees who may be exposed to substances hazardous to health, this will include:
* The nature of any substance used by the company likely to cause occupational asthma.
* Information on the nature of sensitisation i.e. once sensitisation occurs it may be permanent and the likely effects of further exposures.
* The importance of reporting asthmatic symptoms and details of the actual reporting procedure.

# EMPLOYEE DUTIES

1. Employees have a duty to co-operate with the company in controlling risks and are expected to: -

* Read CoSHH assessments and observe container hazard symbols.
* Wear and use correctly any personal protective equipment provided.
* Return all hazardous substances to their secure location after use.

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