

Occupational lung diseases

PROTECTING YOUR LUNGS



Who is at risk?

Workers in high risk industries including construction, manufacturing, agriculture and those who work with engineered stone, may breathe in hazardous dusts, gases, fumes, mists or microorganisms or vapours that can cause occupational lung diseases.

Information for high risk industries

Safe Work Australia's Clean Air. Clear Lungs. website - swa.gov.au/clearlungs

The website has [information for high risk industries](#) including information sheets, case studies, checklists and translated materials. This information can help persons conducting a business or undertaking (PCBUs) to identify hazards, manage risks and monitor control measures to protect their workers from developing occupational lung diseases.

Talk with your work health and safety (WHS) regulator

Your [WHS regulator](#) can provide you with information and advice to help you identify hazards, manage risks and monitor your control measures to help prevent your workers developing an occupational lung disease.

Engage a professional

A certified occupational hygienist can help identify hazards and manage risks that may exist in your workplace. You can search for occupational hygienists near you on [the Australian Institute of Occupation Hygienists' website \(aioh.org.au\)](#).

Your industry association may be able to help you identify hazards and manage risks at your workplace or suggest who can assist you.

Where to go for help if you or your workers get sick

Lung Foundation Australia offers a range of [programs and educational resources](#) to support people with occupational lung disease.

Lung Foundation Australia is the nation's leading and trusted lung health charity. We fund life-saving research, advocate for increased government support and deliver programs and services that transform the lives of those impacted by lung disease and lung cancer, giving hope in every breath.

Visit the lungfoundation.com.au for more information.



Occupational Lung Disease National Directory

This [digital directory](#) provides state-by-state information on compensation and health monitoring, as well as information, support services and resources for employees, PCBUs (such as employers), members of the public and people living with an occupational lung disease.



Healthy Lungs at Work Factsheet

This [factsheet](#) is for people working in dusty environments, such as construction sites, mines, quarries and factories, who are exposed to fumes, gases and other hazardous agents.

This is also available in Vietnamese and Simplified Chinese.



Healthy Lungs at Work Quiz

This [tool](#) can help you find out whether you may be at risk of developing an occupational lung disease due to exposure to hazardous agents in your workplace.