

# Key terms used in the Engineered stone prohibition: Guidance for PCBUs

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| <b>Controlled processing</b>                              | See <a href="#">Infographic - What is controlled processing?</a>   |
| <b>Crystalline silica</b>                                 | The crystalline form of the abundant naturally occurring mineral silica or silicon dioxide (SiO <sub>2</sub> ). It includes cristobalite, quartz, tridymite and tripoli and is present in almost all types of rocks, sand, clay, shale and gravel and in construction materials such as concrete, tiles and bricks.                        |
| <b>Engineered stone</b>                                   | See <a href="#">Infographic - Definition of engineered stone</a>   |
| <b>Hazard</b>   | A situation or thing that has the potential to harm a person. Hazards at work may include noisy machinery, a moving forklift, chemicals (including respirable crystalline silica), electricity, working at heights, a repetitive job, bullying and violence in the workplace.  |
| <b>Person conducting a business or undertaking (PCBU)</b> | <p>A PCBU is an umbrella concept which intends to capture all types of working arrangements or relationships.</p> <p>A PCBU includes a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• company</li><li>• unincorporated body or association</li><li>• sole trader or self-employed person.</li></ul>  |
| <b>Processing</b>   | Processing, in relation to engineered stone, means using power tools or other mechanical plant to crush, cut, grind, trim, sand, abrasive polish or drill engineered stone.  |
| <b>Respiratory protective equipment (RPE)</b>             | RPE is a type of personal protective equipment that is designed to prevent a person wearing the equipment from inhaling airborne contaminants. RPE must comply with the Australian standards specified in the WHS Regulations.   |
| <b>Risk</b>   | The possibility of harm (death, injury or illness) that might occur when exposed to a hazard.  |
| <b>Worker</b>   | Any person who carries out work for a person conducting a business or undertaking (PCBU), including work as an employee, contractor or subcontractor (or their employee), self-employed person, outworker, apprentice or trainee, work experience student, employee of a labour hire company placed with a 'host employer' or a volunteer. |
| <b>Workplace</b>  | Any place where work is carried out for a business or undertaking and includes any place where a worker goes, or is likely to be, while at work. This may include offices, factories, shops, construction sites, vehicles, ships, aircraft or other mobile structures on land or water.  |

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