



## **SILICA SAFETY NOTICE**

Silicosis and other lung-related diseases could be caused by exposure to respirable crystalline silica dust in the stone industry. This is a serious issue, and our entire industry must work diligently to prevent exposure to silica dust in the workplace.

Cambria strongly supports efforts to raise awareness of the health and safety risks from exposure to silica dust. All industrial workers—including those in stone fabrication—engaging in activities that create respirable dust (e.g., abrasive blasting, cutting or crushing stone, and sawing stone and concrete products) must be protected by strict adherence to all applicable CCOHS standards. Cambria strongly encourages stone fabricators and workers to visit CCOHS's website to learn more about these standards and to ensure their compliance in the workplace.

That said, Cambria also encourages CCOHS to continue to inform and work with the stone processing and fabrication sector to ensure compliance with its standards. Cambria believes that CCOHS can and should take every measure to ensure worker safety through both oversight and measures of accountability. Cambria employees work hard each day to comply with CCOHS standards and to maintain a collaborative relationship with CCOHS.

Each employer in the stone industry is responsible for its employee training and day-to-day employee safety and health. Cambria remains committed to providing a safe and healthy work environment for its team and believes that no worker in any segment of the industry should be exposed to dangerous levels of respirable crystalline silica in the workplace. Exposure to respirable crystalline silica within the stone industry is entirely preventable through strict compliance with CCOHS standards.

Crystalline silica is a basic component in building materials and construction products such as concrete stone and gravel, granite, cement board, paint, foundry molding, ceramics, abrasives for wood and metal processing, and asphalt. These products are indispensable to the construction industry; all must ensure adherence to safe and healthy practices that meet or exceed CCOHS respirable crystalline silica guidelines.

Cambria will remain an industry leader in worker safety, accident prevention, and the vigorous deployment of technology to eliminate workplace hazards, including respirable crystalline silica in the stone cutting and fabrication industries.