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Enforcement action

Devon Highways



Incident notification 	Alert 	Information 	Toolbox Talk 
Date and time of incident:	07/04/22 11:00	Injury severity:	n/a
IN Author:	Christian Booth	Potential severity:	Major
HS&W Lead:	Rachael Lee	Investigation required:	Full
Trade/company involved:	Devon Highways	Operational Disturbance:	Exposure to or contact with harmful substance/material

What Happened?

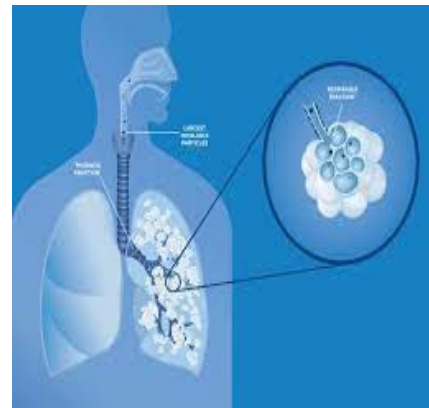
An HSE inspector visited a gang working on site at Wolborough Street, Newton Abbot where they were witnessed operating a disc cutter whilst cutting a concrete slab without wearing the correct RPE, mainly a FP3 mask or blown air hood.

The HSE inspector issued an improvement notice in accordance with Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, S2(1) the control of substances hazardous to health regulation 2002, Reg 7 (1). The company "failed to ensure that the exposure of their employees to respirable crystalline silica (RCS) has not been adequately controlled, because they did not have suitable RPE, where it was required".



Immediate Actions Taken by Project/Contract:
A full investigation is underway.

Immediate Actions Required by Other Projects/Contracts:
Confirm all operatives are aware of the legal requirement of using suitable RPE whilst carrying out any form of disc cutting.
Ensure face fit testing has been carried out.
Ensure correct RPE is being worn.



Discussion points for related sites:

Are operatives aware of the importance of wearing correct serviceable RPE whilst carrying out disc cutting?

Are operatives aware of work-related illnesses effect by dust for example Respirable Crystalline Silica (RCS)?

Action Required:

☒ Brief

☒ Display

☐ Information Only