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Silica and Dust Control — Toolbox Talks and Attendance

4 short talks. Ten minutes each. Keep the signed sheets.

Talk 1 — You cannot see the dangerous bit

- The particles that reach the deep lung are far too small to see.
- If you can see a cloud, it is already very bad indeed.
- Control the process. Do not judge it by eye.
- Ask: when did you last cut something dry because it was 'only a couple of cuts'?

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Talk 2 — Water or extraction. Every time.

- Not just indoors. Not just for big jobs. Every time.
- HSE has told this industry plainly that dry cutting must stop.
- If the water stops, the work stops.
- Ask: is the water bottle on our saw full right now?

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Talk 3 — A mask that does not fit is not a mask

- It has to be fit tested on you, and you have to be clean shaven at the seal.

- Fit check every time you put it on.
- And it is the last line, not the first.
- Ask: who here has actually been fit tested, and when?

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Talk 4 — Do not take it home

- Never sweep and never blow dust with an airline.
- Do not take overalls home. That is your family breathing it.
- Vacuum with the right class of machine, or wet it down.
- Ask: how did we clean up after the last job?

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