

COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease)

Research suggests that historic exposures in the workplace are likely to contribute to 4,000 deaths per year from COPD (15% of all COPD deaths).

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Substances that cause COPD are subject to the COSHH Regulations. Regulation 7(7) defines when control of exposures to substances are adequate.

The requirements can vary for different substances. Our experts are happy to discuss how the regulations apply to exposure scenarios.

Examples of COPD exposure in the workplace

Workplace exposure	Example industries
Mineral dust (including silica)	Stonemasonry Construction Demolition Quarrying
Metal and welding fumes	Metal manufacture and fabrication
Organic dusts (cotton dust, grain dust, flour dust and endotoxin)	Agriculture Food production Textiles
Chemicals (isocyanates, cadmium, vanadium and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons)	Vehicle maintenance and repair Construction Painting
Wood dust	Joinery Carpentry Schools and colleges

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