

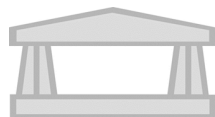
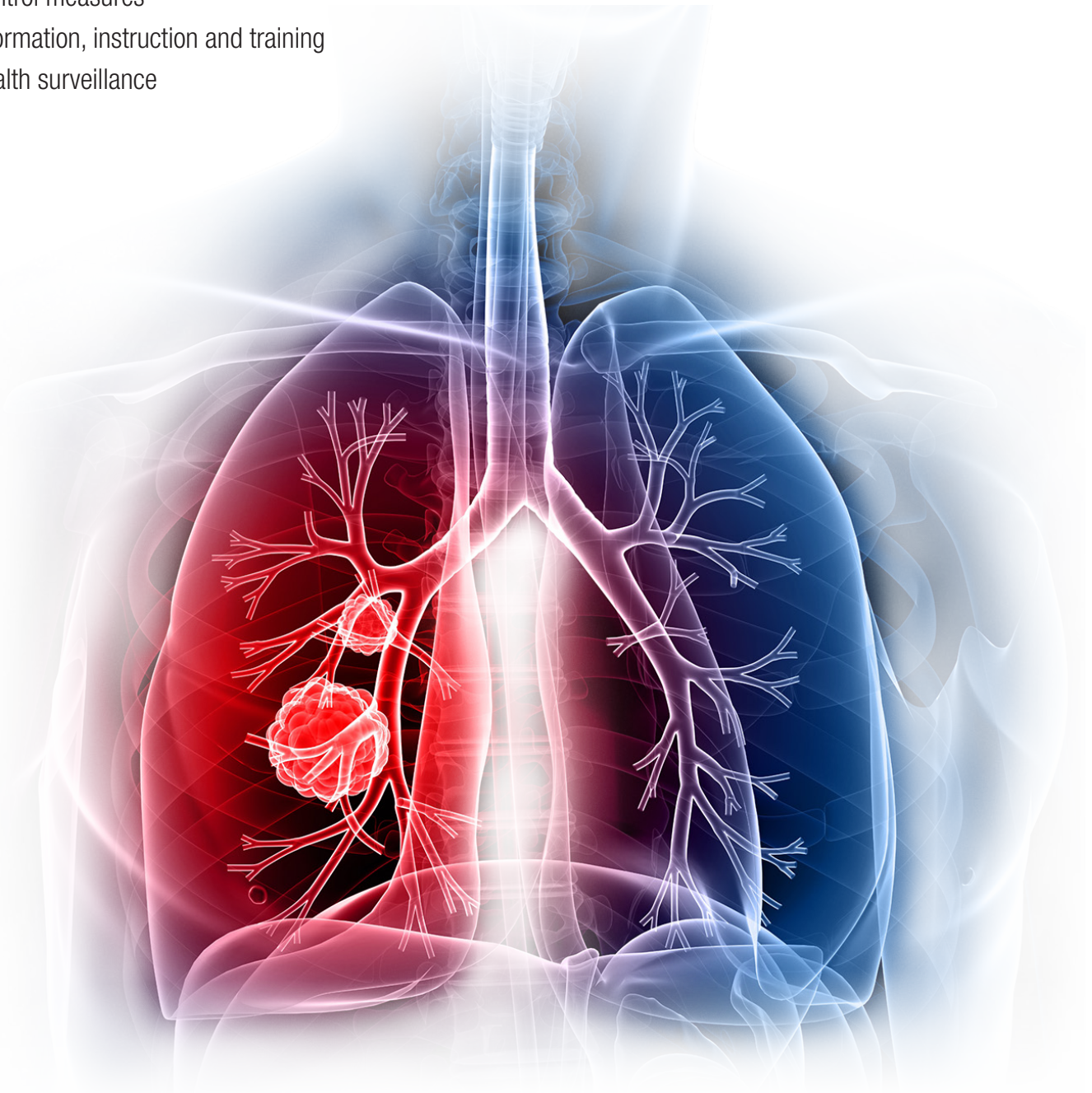


STONE DUST KILLS

Are your lungs protected?

Think:

- Control measures
- Information, instruction and training
- Health surveillance



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CONTROL RISK

When stone is cut, ground, drilled and polished, follow these controls:

- you must use water suppression all the time when carrying out these activities
- use the mist control that you have been provided with – this should be in place to reduce the spread beyond the work area
- close doors on equipment enclosures to prevent the spread of mist or dust
- don't enter dusty areas unless you really need to be there
- you should use respiratory protective equipment (RPE) in addition to other controls – wearing a mask alone will not protect you
- your employer should provide you with a powered air purifying respirator (PAPR) or equivalent RPE
- keep your RPE on when removing your contaminated coveralls. Do not leave the workplace wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) to prevent taking dust home with you
- clean surfaces regularly using wet methods – using a low-pressure water hose or an M-Class vacuum

WORK SAFELY

Your employer must provide training and information so that you understand:

- the risks from silica dust
- how you can be exposed to harmful dust and mist
- how to use and check all of the control measures correctly
- what to do if something goes wrong

HEALTH CHECKS

To detect early signs of occupational illness, you must have regular health checks (health surveillance) arranged by your employer.

Take reasonable care of your own health and safety, and of anyone who might be affected by the work you are doing. The Health and Safety Executive provides free, guidance on what you and your employer should do to prevent lung disease caused by exposure to silica at work.

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TO WORK SAFELY WITH STONE

