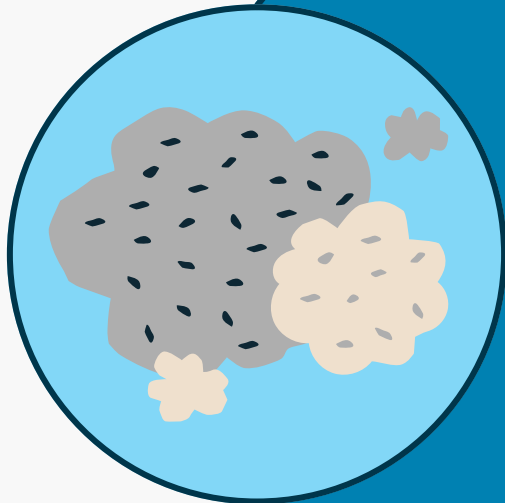


Glazed & Confused studio- Dust awareness

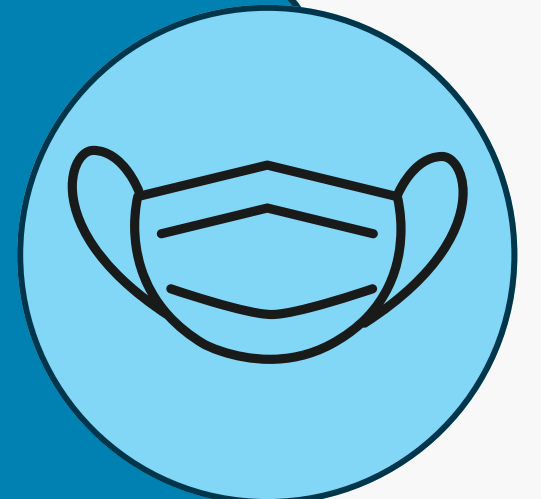


Silicosis

Silicosis is a lung disease caused by breathing in tiny bits of silica, a common mineral found in clay and glazes. All clay bodies contain some free crystalline silica which can scar your lung tissue and cause irreversible loss of breathing capacity.

Minimise your exposure

- Trim your correctly to avoid needing to sand
- Do not sand bisqued ware in the studio, this should be done outside with a mask
- Clean your wheel after use
- Roll your sleeves up to glaze
- Wear an apron to glaze and put in was afterwards
- Glaze your pieces using tongs provided
- Fettle using a wet sponge in the sink & over a bucket of water
- Wipe up and spilled glaze with a wet sponge
- Clean all glaze tools and dispose of waste into bucket
- Masks are available for use at any time
- Clean your work area at the end of your session. This includes tools and equipment, tables, walls and floor
- Never sweep the studio, use the bucket and the mop



Ways we minimise exposure

- All glazes in the studio are safe to the best of current knowledge and do not contain lead or barium.
- We mix our glaze dry ingredients outside the studio
- Weekly deep clean of the studio
- Cleaning after each workshop



BE INFORMED, BE MINDFUL, AND STAY SAFE!

Silicosis can and must be prevented. By understanding and adopting sound protective methods, everyone working with materials that contain crystalline silica will avoid exposure and its long-term health implications.
cancer.org.au/preventing-cancer/silica-dust.html