

# The OSHA Silica Dust Standard: **WHAT'S NEXT?**

OSHA recently updated an existing standard:

The amount of respirable silica dust

that workers can be exposed to on jobsites has been

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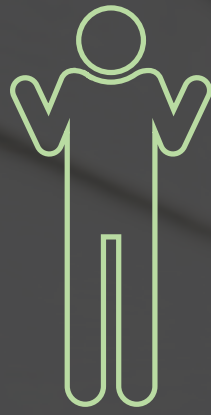
**80%**



Because silica is a common element used on construction sites and in everyday products, this change is affecting a variety of industries—

leaving many workers unsure

about the impact on their trade.



**Fortunately,**

when it comes to cutting fiber cement products, preparing for the silica dust standard is straightforward, and

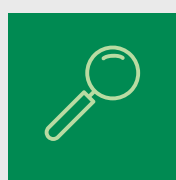


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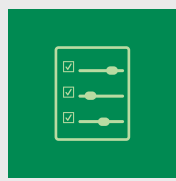
## HERE'S THE SIMPLE 3-STEP PROCESS

### PLAN FOR SAFETY

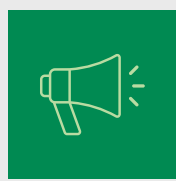
Develop an exposure control plan that:



Identifies potential exposures



Establishes controls and procedures



Can be easily communicated and implemented

### USE THE RIGHT TOOLS

#### EXTERIORS



Handheld saw



Vacuum  
(With a filter of 99% or greater efficiency)

#### INTERIORS



Scoring knife

OR



Snapper shears

For more information on tool options, please refer to [jhsafesite.com](http://jhsafesite.com)

### PREP YOUR TEAM



Identify competent person



Train your employees and crew members on steps 1 and 2



Set up jobsite or work station

For training support, call James Hardie technical services at:

**800-942-7343**

To learn more about the OSHA silica dust standard, visit:

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