



## What is an airborne contaminant?

Airborne contaminants are substances that can be released during work processes, and may pose a risk to health and safety.

Airborne contaminants include:



Fumes



Dusts



Gases



Mists



Fibres



Vapours

They can be produced from processing materials such as wood and concrete, or be in fumes and vapour from welding, paint or glue.



**Not all workplace hazards are visible.**

Airborne contaminants may be invisible to the naked eye and some, if not properly managed, have the potential to cause serious harm.



Apply the work health and safety risk management process to ensure you and your workers are protected from exposure to airborne contaminants.

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