



Working safely around airborne contaminants

Your rights and responsibilities at work



Work processes can release fumes, dusts, gases, mists, fibres or vapours into the air. These are known as airborne contaminants, and they may pose a serious risk to your health and safety at work.



Your rights as a worker

- be safe from exposure to airborne contaminants
- be consulted on health and safety matters related to airborne contaminants
- access information, training and instruction to do your job safely
- refuse unsafe work if there is a serious risk to health and safety from exposure to airborne contaminants.



Your responsibilities as a worker

- taking reasonable care of your own health and safety
- ensuring your actions do not harm others
- following reasonable instruction, policy and procedures
- using equipment and any personal protective equipment correctly.



Employers must ensure that workers and others at the workplace are not exposed to levels of airborne contaminants above the workplace exposure limits.

