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<p>Do your workers have health checks that might detect early signs of ill health caused by silica?</p>	<p>For example lung function tests or x-rays may detect the early stages of Silicosis. Preventing ill health in the first place is obviously better than detecting it by Health checks.</p>						
<p>Are records kept of all tests and maintenance of control measures (including LEV and respirators)?</p>	<p>If you use extraction systems (LEV) to reduce exposure to silica dust then you must maintain the LEV in efficient working order so it continues to provide the necessary protection. You should have a thorough examination and test (at least every 14 months) and must keep this record for at least 5 years.</p> <p>Local exhaust ventilation - Frequently asked questions.</p>						

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<p>Are records kept of air monitoring results?</p>	<p>Keeping clear records of what levels of silica workers are exposed to for specific tasks will help you to check your control measures are working and keep track of improvements.</p>						
<p>Are records kept of health checks?</p>	<p>A health record must be kept for all employees under health surveillance. Records are important because they allow links to be made between exposure and any health effects.</p>						

Any other comments

The checklist items cannot be entirely comprehensive. Write down any other important points below.

