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Caesarstone Health & Safety Customer Statement

As Australia's leading quartz surface supplier, we at Caesarstone support safe working environments for all employees, free of hazards and in compliance with all local laws.

Caesarstone is completely safe in a consumer's home.

The risks associated with Occupational Lung Disease are the product of the processing procedures not being performed in accordance with safe work practices. Exposure to crystalline silica dust and the related risks that may result from such exposure can be reduced and controlled and eliminated if the proper safety measures are implemented.

Like all materials that contain silica, engineered stone can be handled safely provided proper safety procedures are followed. These include wet cutting, appropriate PPE and ventilation and ongoing monitoring. Silicosis is 100% preventable.

Caesarstone believes that the key to improving industry safety is the implementation of a nationally consistent, mandatory licensing scheme, with a rigorous auditing and enforcement structure, with strong penalties, to support it.

Caesarstone is working with state governments and Federal bodies to promote the implementation of a Licensing scheme for fabricators.

Under such a scheme, all stonemasons would be required to obtain a license to trade. Builders and kitchen companies would be prohibited from purchasing engineered stone products from an unlicensed stonemason or fabricator. Any licensing regime must be accompanied by a major commitment to the continuous improvement in awareness and understanding among workers and fabricators about risks associated with inhalation of silica dust caused by the handling of all materials containing silica, regulatory requirements, and safety control measures.

Caesarstone continues to work closely with all industry participants, particularly fabricators, to build a safer industry, including through our own extensive education and training programs. Caesarstone launched the Master of Stone training platform designed to train fabricators and to address health and safety in the workplace.

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