

# BWC Update

Safety news from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation

## Let BWC clear the air

Uncontrolled airborne dust, fumes and vapors can cause many dangerous problems at your work site. Some materials such as sugar, spice, pesticides, and tobacco can become combustible when in dust form. Other products can be absorbed through skin or accidentally inhaled, potentially leading to lung diseases and cancer.

Monitoring levels of dust and fumes is difficult without the proper tools and knowledge. Fortunately, BWC offers resources and information to protect your employees from the dangers of dust and fumes.

BWC recommends taking the following steps to make your work site safer:

- Assessing air contaminants and noise levels to determine exposures;
- Enclosing dust-producing equipment;
- Using rock dusting or wetting to reduce dust;
- Deploying local exhaust ventilation to capture air contaminants at the source.

BWC also offers industrial hygiene consulting services, safety intervention grants, training courses and *Safety Talks* on how to protect your employees.

BWC can also assist you with making your workplace safer in other areas such as:

- Confined spaces;
- Getting struck by moving equipment and falling/flying objects;
- Slips/trips/falls;
- Overexertion.

Working with BWC can help you avoid those costly accidents that are waiting to happen at your work site, and keep your employees safe and healthy.

More information is available about preventing injuries in the construction industry by [clicking here](#).

For more information, connect with a BWC safety consultant at 1-866-569-7805 or via email at [besafe@ohiobwc.com](mailto:besafe@ohiobwc.com).