

COSHH ASSESSMENT & HAZARD SUMMARY SHEET

Substance / Trade Name:

Washed Sand

Supplier: Various

Toxic Ingredients	*LTEL	*STEL	**COMMENTS	
Quartz (Crystalline Silica)	0.1mg/m3		WEL	
	4mg/m3		RP	
	10mg/m3		TID	

Description of Substance: Sand used for mixing with cement and water to produce mortar or concrete.

Hazards: Prolonged exposure to silica at concentrations in excess of WEL may over several years result in the development of silicosis. Air borne particles can result in eye irritation.

PPE

Dust Mask	Goggles	

First Aid			
Skin	N/A		
Eyes	Do not rub eyes, as the material is abrasive and may scratch the surface of the eye. Immediately and thoroughly irrigate with water. Seek medical attention if irritation persists.		
Inhalation	Remove to fresh air and allow person to rest. If recovery is not rapid obtain prompt medical attention.		
Ingestion	Ingestion of significant quantities of sand that could cause harm is very unlikely. If material enters the mouth, do not induce vomiting. Give plenty of water to drink. Seek medical attention if feeling unwell.		
Storage Conditions: If stored outdoors, keep covered or damp in dry windy conditions.			
*LTEL: Long-term Exposure Limit – 8-hour weighted average (TWA) ref period			
*STEL: Short-term Exposure Limit – 15-min ref period			
**WEL: Workplace Exposure Limit			
OES: Occupational Exposure Standard			
TID: Total Inhalable Dust			
RD: Respirable Dust			



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Activity / Conditions of Use: Sand is mixed with cement to make mortar or with aggregate and cemerit to make concrete. Once water is added to the cement mixer no dry sand becomes airbome

Quantities used: Various

Assessment of risk: In the quantities used the risk to health is insignificant. Prolonged exposure may lead to the development of silicosis

Recommended control measures: Eye protection may be provided if requested due to handling the sand in dry and windy conditions.

Spillage Management: No special precautions required.

Disposal: Sand is an inert waste and can be disposed of as normal industrial waste in accordance with waste regulation. It is recommended that it be disposed of via recycling or reuse.

This Risk Assessment applies only to this substance when encountered or used in the activity and / or conditions described above. If there is a change in the activity or conditions in which the substance is encountered or used, a new assessment must be made.

Print name:	
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Date:	