

# Construction Dust Partnership



**NEWSLETTER 2**

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Welcome to the latest newsletter from the Construction Dust Partnership which brings you some latest news and activities from partners and some interesting upcoming events.

The CDP's aim is to raise awareness within the construction industry about lung diseases related to construction dust in the workplace and to promote the appropriate controls to prevent these diseases.

Find more resources and advice at <http://www.citb.co.uk/cdp>.

## Upcoming Events

### Image of Construction 2018

Come and see us at the Image of Construction event taking place on Tuesday 11th September at CodeNode in London. CDP members will be on hand to talk about how we continue to raise awareness of the dangers of construction dust and promote the appropriate controls. Also, book your place to come and hear our "Don't let dust take your breath away!" presentation at the event.

We look forward to meeting you!

Details of the event at [www.ccscheme.org.uk/event/image-of-construction-event](http://www.ccscheme.org.uk/event/image-of-construction-event)

**NOW  
SOLD OUT**



### Respiratory Hazards in Construction FREE Webinar

Join George and Phil (both active members of the CDP) for this FREE webinar as they discuss the dangers of construction dust and what you can do to protect your workers. The key areas of discussion in this webinar will include:

- Respiratory hazards in the construction industry with a focus on Silica dust
- Best practice in controlling respiratory hazards
- Discussion of further resources available from the CDP

Wednesday 7th November 2018 / 11.00am - 11.45 am

Speakers: George Elliott (3M) & Phil Haskins (Dustcontrol UK)

Register now <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/703349184322231554>.



# Activities

## Face Fit Testing - no one respirator will protect everyone!

Fit2Fit suggests that around 50% of respiratory protective equipment (RPE) is not fitted correctly so doesn't offer the wearer the assumed level of protection.

If it is decided to use RPE then workers could be at risk of developing occupational lung disease if their RPE doesn't fit properly, have purchased the wrong mask, are not trained on how to use it or is not inspected and maintained at required intervals. It is a COSHH requirement that wearers of tight fitting respirators (all filtering face pieces - disposable and reusable, half masks and full face masks) should have a Face Fit Test carried out:

- at the initial selection of the RPE
- at a change of make, style and size of RPE
- when there's an alteration in the wearers facial characteristics.



Fit2Fit accredited Face Fit Testers can ensure a consistent testing service across multi-site organisations, to ensure the RPE selected is adequate for the hazard and suitable for the wearer.

For further information or to book a Face Fit Testing, please visit <http://fit2fit.org>.

## 3M SafeTea Break Kit

SafeTea Break provides you with the toolkit and platform to engage your workforce in a discussion about health, safety and long latency occupational diseases. Since 2015 over 1,000 companies have utilised the 3M SafeTea Break Kit to give their workforce a better understanding of the health risks and consequences of non-compliance. In total there are 10 modules including a choreographed toolbox talk which focuses on respiratory protection.

For more information or to download your FREE 3M SafeTea Break kit simply visit <http://www.3m.co.uk/safetea>.

## Operating Virtual Reality Equipment

Hire Association Europe's (HAE) VR project, known as 'V-Hire', has been developing over the past couple of years. The technology can be used with mobile phones with VR capability; using Samsung Oculus and Google's Android system as the development platform. The product will be launched initially in the Google Play store and available to use with the VR equipment, but later developments may well include broadening to other platforms, or even non-VR versions for use on touch-screen devices.

HAE aim to launch V-Hire during summer 2018 with 20 tool and equipment training modules included. These will cover topics including the Dangers of Dust, Working at Height, LPG and Electrical Safety, as well as numerous equipment tutorials on a variety of saws, compactors, drills, generators and many more. VR equipment is available when hiring tools from HAE members.

To find out more about the project email [training@hae.org.uk](mailto:training@hae.org.uk).



## Want To Get Involved? Need Our Support?

If you'd like to get involved with the CDP or are interested in our partners attending an event you are holding, please contact [Construction.Dust.Partnership.Enquiry@hse.gov.uk](mailto:Construction.Dust.Partnership.Enquiry@hse.gov.uk).