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Dust is defined as airborne solid matter up to 2 mm in size. Together with noise and odour, dust is the most common form of 'nuisance'.


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Current Position

Every year, thousands of workers are made ill by hazardous substances, contracting lung disease such as asthma. These diseases cost many millions of pounds each year to industry, society and individuals. Employers are responsible for taking effective measures to control exposure and protect health. These measures can also improve production or cut waste.

It is estimated that the level of man-made particulate air pollution experienced in the UK in 2005 would be expected to reduce life expectancy averaged over the whole population of the UK by up to about 7-8 months. This health impact is estimated to cost up to £8.5–20.2 billion annuum. If no further measures to those already agreed are implemented, man-made particulate air pollution in the UK will continue to reduce average life expectancy by about 5.5 months by 2020, with an estimated cost of £6.2–14.7 billion per annum.

Each year thousands of people die from work-related diseases due to exposures that occurred many years ago. The annual number of work-related cancer deaths is likely to be in excess of 6000; about 4000 cancer deaths each year are due to past exposure to asbestos (the subject of a separate Barbour guide).

In 2006 there were 111 deaths from asbestosis (as underlying cause), and 182 from other types of pneumoconiosis, mostly due to coal dust and silica. Around 15% of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD – including bronchitis and emphysema) may be work related. It is estimated that there could be some 1000 COPD deaths each year due to past occupational exposures to fumes, chemicals and dusts. ©



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Dust

Dust is a general term for particles of any substance that become suspended in the air. Controlling dust in the workplace is required by the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and the Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992, which require the employer to take appropriate measures to ensure the health, safety and welfare of anyone using their premises, including employees. Certain types of dust are controlled more rigorously under the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations 2002.

Dangers of dust

- dust can be dangerous when it is present at such a level that it affects people's breathing. The Welfare Regulations mentioned above require that effective and suitable ventilation be provided in the workplace to ensure the safety and comfort of workers. Ventilation can be a general system covering the whole building/operation, or it may be concentrated on problem areas ie local exhaust

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- certain levels of dust can be flammable and can cause an explosive mixture in air. An example of a workplace where this may happen is a flour mill. Strict controls for example on the use of naked flames in such a workplace need to be rigorously controlled to avoid the risk of fire/explosion.





Ways of controlling dust

- ventilation in the workplace – either a general air conditioning or ventilation system, or a system of local exhaust ventilation targeted at the problem areas/processes
- where dust cannot be controlled, for example, due to the nature of the process or material being worked with, then personal protective equipment can be useful in protecting workers from high levels of dust. This may take the form of breathing apparatus and eye protection
- good housekeeping and cleaning can be effective in controlling dust, although in general, if there is a particular problem with dust, then good housekeeping alone would probably not be sufficient. It could be used in addition with a more effective dust control system
- the risk of dust should be included in the employer's risk assessment, and where necessary adequate control measures put in place for the protection of employees

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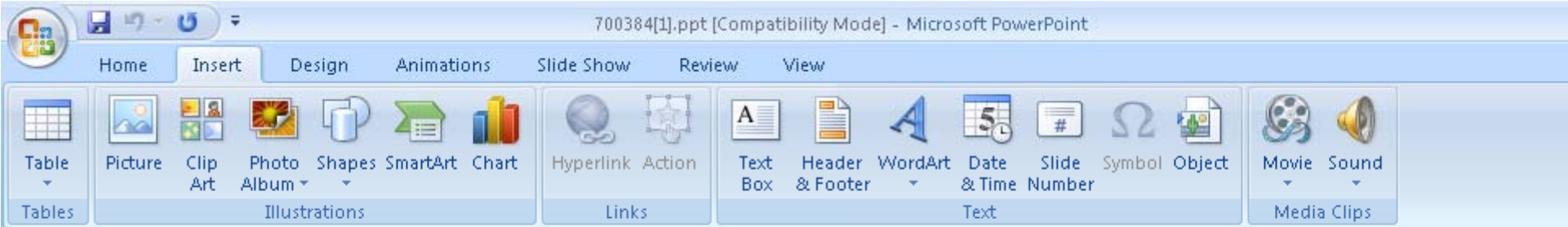
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Definition

Slip: a slip occurs when the friction between the foot and the walking surface is reduced below that needed for traction - ie the foot moves inadvertently, usually making the person unstable and often causing the person to fall. In general, slips are caused by something reducing the friction of a surface, such as a liquid, grease or a low-friction material such as plastic, cloth or a mat on the floor.

Trip: a trip is caused during motion (eg walking or running) when the foot is suddenly stopped from moving, but the body continues in motion. The foot is then not in the correct place to support the moving body and the person is again unstable and often falls. Trips are generally caused by an obstruction of some kind, such as a torn carpet or a trailing cable.

Fall: a fall is often the result of losing balance as a result of a slip or trip, but can also be the result of falling into a pit, a hole in the floor because of inadequate protection around a hole in the floor opened during maintenance.

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●		Effect of local exhaust ventilation controls on dust exposures during concrete cutting and grinding activities, Aug 02	Applied studies	AIHJ	2002
●		Efficacy of local exhaust ventilation for controlling dust exposures during concrete surface grinding, Aug 04	Monograph	AOH	2004
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Controlling airborne contaminants at work : guide to local exhaust ventilation

Document Summary (Provided by the Barbour Editorial Team)

Occupational asthma and other lung diseases permanently disable or even kill many people each year in the UK. Inhalation of dust, vapour, gas, fume and mist in the workplace can lead to these diseases, simply because control measures are not adequate.

This HSE guide provides advice to the suppliers of local exhaust ventilation (LEV) goods and services on the design, installation, commissioning and testing of cost-effective ventilation controls. Often employers are unaware that their staff are being over-exposed to hazardous substances. Potential problems include:

- sources of exposure are missed
- employers and suppliers believe the controls are more effective than they actually are in practice
- controls have deteriorated
- controls are not used correctly.

To help employers, suppliers should:

- warn them if LEV is not the right control option
- provide LEV that is fit for purpose
- question whether current controls are sufficient.

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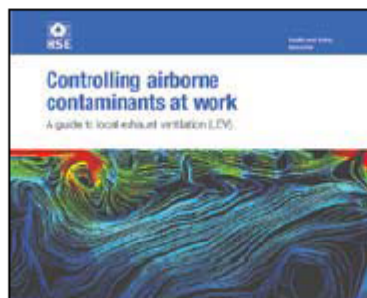
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Two companies have been fined a total of £160,000 after a man was killed when he was crushed by a rolling lorry in Nottingham.

Global logistics company, Exel Europe Ltd, based at Midsummer Boulevard, Milton Keynes, pleaded guilty to breaching sections 2(1) and 3(1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 .

Imperial Tobacco Ltd, of Upton Road, Bristol, also pleaded guilty to breaching sections 2(1) and 3(1) of the 1974 Act.

The court heard that on 7 September 2007, Gary Brooks (42), a heavy goods driver with Exel, was trying to collect a loaded trailer from the Imperial Tobacco site at Bull Close Road, Lenton Industrial Estate, Nottingham.

Mr Brooks intended to attach the trailer to his cab, but as he was doing this the lorry gradually rolled forward


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Summary

- **Barbour is used by over 1000 leading companies and enforcement agencies**
- It is a trusted source – providing **peace of mind**
- It provides you with coverage of all the information you need in once place, and tools to **improve compliance and reduce accidents**.
- The service **saves the health and safety department time** ensuring they can be out improving the organisation's safety performance and culture
- We can provide consulting services and advice

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Occupational Hygiene Services

- LEV

- Statutory LEV testing to ensure compliance with COSHH regulations.
- Determine whether LEV systems adequately control exposure.
- Advice on appropriate design of LEV.
- Review of design specification of LEV systems to ensure they meet requirements.
- Containment testing of Fume cupboards to quantify containment factor and demonstrate adequacy of control.

Questions and Answers

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