



# Safety Alert

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## BRICK SAWS

### **Blades**

Safety Committees and Safety Representatives should ensure that all brick saws on site are fitted with a noise reducing blade.

### **Setting Up**

Brick saws should be set in an isolated position on site convenient to water and power and have a bin placed adjacent to place any off-cuts and waste into it. Make sure power lead is not exposed to water and that signs denoting appropriate personal protective equipment and authorised personnel only are displayed.

### **Authorised Persons**

Only authorised persons should use brick saws and adequate training should be given to those persons. Training may include the use and need to PPE as well as the correct method if using the saw.

### **Silica Dust**

All bricks contain silica dust and care should be taken to ensure that no free silica is released during the cutting process only wet cutting of bricks is allowed.

### **Cleaning**

Once again because of the problem of free silica brick saws and the work area surrounding the saw should be cleaned daily and all waste disposed of correctly.

### **Health**

Prolonged inhalation (breathing) of silica dust will cause silicosis (a serious and debilitating lung disease eventually leading to death).

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