Cement

Identify controls

WHAT TO WEAR

• Wear a N, R, or P95 mask when pouring or mixing dry cement.

• Wear eye protection for mixing, pouring, and other work with dry cement.

• Wear alkali-resistant gloves.

• Wear coveralls with long sleeves and full-length pants.

• Pull sleeves over gloves.

• When working with wet mortar or concrete, tuck pants inside boots and duct-tape the top.

WHAT TO DO

• Work upwind from cement dust.

• Remove rings and watches. Cement dust can collect underneath and burn your skin.

• Remove any clothing contaminated by cement.

• Don’t wash your hands with water from buckets used for cleaning tools.

• If your skin comes in contact with cement, wash with cold running water as soon as possible. Flush out any open sores or cuts. Get medical attention if your skin still feels like it's burning.

• After working with cement, always wash your hands before eating, smoking, drinking, or using the toilet.

• Read the safety data sheet (SDS) for procedures to follow after eye or skin contact with cement.

• If your eyes are exposed to cement, rinse with cold tap water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if necessary.

Demonstrate

With your crew, review the safety information on the SDS for Portland Cement or the WHMIS label on the cement bag.

See related safety talks on Skin hazards—Allergic contact dermatitis (ACD) and Silica.