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# Engineered stone ban keeping Victorian workers safe

**Silica dust can be deadly.**



## Ban on the use of all engineered stone

**We are writing to advise that the Victorian Government will ban the use of all engineered stone from 1 July 2024.**

The decision follows a national meeting of Work Health and Safety (WHS) Ministers on Wednesday 13 December 2023, where several recommendations relating to the use of engineered stone were considered as part of Safe Work Australia's (SWA) [Decision Regulation Impact Statement \(DRIS\): Prohibition on the use of engineered stone](#).

## What does this mean?

From 1 July 2024, the use, manufacturing, supply, processing and installation of engineered stone will be prohibited in Victoria.

Some exceptions will be made for the removal, repair, minor modification, and disposal of engineered stone products installed prior to the prohibition (legacy products), as well as

appropriate exceptions for engineered stone products with trace levels of crystalline silica (under 1%).

In addition, the Commonwealth is considering a customs ban which would provide an additional layer of enforcement and deterrence at the border.

Engineered stone licence holders are encouraged to be mindful of the upcoming prohibition when considering any new contracts for engineered stone, given the contracts may not be able to be legally fulfilled after 1 July 2024.

WHS Ministers will meet again in March 2024 to settle arrangements for contracts entered into prior to the announcement of the ban on 13 December 2023.

Until 1 July 2024, Victoria's current Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) laws in relation to exposure to silica dust or working with engineered stone, and the associated employer obligations, remain in place.

Your engineered stone licence will remain valid until the ban comes into effect.

## Further information

To view Victoria's current OHS laws and guidance in relation to engineered stone, please visit the [WorkSafe website](#).

We'll keep you updated on this work as it progresses in early 2024. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please email [legislation@worksafe.vic.gov.au](mailto:legislation@worksafe.vic.gov.au).



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