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## **Your Engineered Benchtop**

Dear Client,

As you may have seen in the news or in the paper issues in relation to use of engineered stone and the release of silica from its use. We here at The Benchtop Factory would like to clarify a few points so that you understand the issues with the use of engineered stone.

The risk of silica exposure comes from the cutting, grinding and polishing of the stone. We here at The Benchtop Factory do this in a controlled manner and at no time are you exposed to this. All works are done to meet and or exceed the standard required, You will have noted this when we carried out your installation.

That is why we don't allow anyone in working areas during this process and all waste is cleaned and removed using Heppa vacuums, wet cloths. All waste is disposed of in accordance with EPA guidelines.

Your benchtop may have a silica content of up to 98% and therefore may not be worked on by anyone other than a licenced stonemason. This includes repairs, removal or modification to a benchtop.

It is recommended that you only use the following types of cleaners on your benchtops to maintain them in good order:

- Soapy Water
- Non abrasive cleaners like cream cleanser

Do not use any Acid based cleaners or abrasive scour or cleaner as this may remove the sealant from the stone. By following these simple guidelines you will get many years safely using our benchtops.

Remember that if you accidently damage your benchtop to contact us for advice on what to do.

Yours faithfully,

The Benchtop Factory