

Resharpener and cobalt: health and safety procedures

Cleaning procedures

- Always shower after working with cobalt
- Change out of your work clothes when leaving work or before travelling in your personal vehicle
- Use separate lockers for clean and soiled clothes
- Always wash hands after working with cobalt
- Keep work areas and vehicles free of dust
- Use approved HEPA filter vacuum cleaners
- Handle soiled workwear correctly and wash responsibly
- Use dust extraction systems where available
- Only use wet mopping to clean surfaces in work areas
- All cobalt contaminated filter cartridges should be disposed according to local country regulations (UN3082)
- Do not use a broom or compressed air when cleaning



Working procedures and correct Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Wear appropriate eye and ear protection at all times
- Wear appropriate P2 face mask at all times
- Wear long sleeved clothing and gloves to prevent skin exposure
- Wash hands/face regularly during the work day
- Use a hand cream to create a contact barrier for dust
- Cover any wounds with band-aids
- Store PPE away from dirty areas
- Ensure properly working exhaust ventilation
- Always dispose resharpener sediments and contaminated water according to local country regulations (UN3077)
- Do not eat or drink in presence of cobalt, and wash hands prior to touching food or drinks
- Do not smoke in presence of cobalt



Health checks to perform regularly

- Urine sample test
- Breath test
- Monitor air quality for cobalt levels

