

OPERATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Organisations in support of the *Breathe Freely Australia* Campaign

This form is for operational organisations that are committed to making a difference and protecting workers' health. This category of Supporter applies to organisations which have operations where the work can generate atmospheric contaminants (eg welding, sawing, cutting, drilling, pressurised spraying) or any industrial activity with potential to put chemical agents into the breathing zone of operators or bystanders.

By signing up as a **Supporter**, you and your organisation are demonstrating your leadership and your organisation's commitment to protecting the lives of workers in your operations.

Breathe Freely Australia – Supporter's Pledge

My organisation commits to:

- 1. Assess which work activities have the potential to cause occupational lung diseases.*
- 2. Develop and deliver a preventive plan to eliminate or reduce the risks of developing occupational lung diseases.*
- 3. Educate managers to understand risks of occupational lung diseases and to manage them proactively as a significant health issue*
- 4. Consult with employees to ensure they use the preventive measures appropriately, and check the effectiveness of preventive measures through provision of health monitoring, if needed.*

The *Breathe Freely Australia* Supporter's Pledge is aimed at capturing the key actions your organisation is already doing to manage occupational lung disease exposures within your workplace.

Tailor your pledge by expanding on the points relevant to your organisation. Please use the points below to provide guidance in your response. Download the word document, complete your pledge and submit it electronically at admin@aioh.org.au

You can request a *Breathe Freely Australia* Supporters Certificate demonstrating your commitment – we'll need to review your pledge first. We will add your name and logo to the Supporters Page of the *Breathe Freely Australia* website, unless you request otherwise.

The *Breathe Freely Australia* Supporter's Pledge Form

This form aims to capture the key actions your organisation has implemented to manage occupational lung diseases exposures within your workplaces.

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When completed, please send to admin@aioh.org.au

1. Assess which work activities have the potential to cause occupational lung diseases

Your first step should be to find out if your work could expose workers or others to the risks of developing occupational lung diseases and to assess the possible extent of exposure.

Please identify the following:

- I. Sources of atmospheric contaminants in your workplace.
- II. Work activities causing exposure to atmospheric contaminants and what measures are currently in place to minimise that exposure.

2. Develop and deliver a prevention strategy to eliminate or reduce the risks of developing occupational lung diseases

Next, you should put measures in place to protect workers against relevant atmospheric contaminant risks.

Please let us know what you're currently doing, or plan to do in areas such as:

- I. Create a prevention plan that reflects legislation and current good practice to reduce exposures.
- II. Set exposure reduction targets or milestones as part of your plan and associated action plans.

3. Educate managers to understand risks of occupational lung diseases and manage them proactively as a significant health issue.

Managers at all levels need to understand the issue as part of their legal, occupational safety and health duty of care.

Please let us know what you're currently doing to:

- I. Brief your managers about what can cause occupational lung diseases in your workplace and what you need to do as an organisation to prevent health effects.

4. Consult with your employees to ensure they use the preventive measures appropriately, and check the effectiveness of preventive measures through provision of health monitoring.

Ensure employees understand why preventive measures are needed, and check that the exposure reduction plan is working. To help you communicate with employees, visit <https://www.breathefreelyaustralia.org.au/> to download free resources, including presentations.

Please let us know what you're currently doing to:

- I. Engage your employees and increase their understanding of the need for preventive measures, eg running toolbox talks on atmospheric contaminants for people at risk of exposure.
- II. Provide health surveillance, where appropriate. Ensure that potential exposures are taken into account as part of your health surveillance programme.
- III. Provide feedback to workers on atmospheric contaminant control measures, and on their health surveillance results.

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