

General Information

Statement by the Technistone Company on the Risks of Working with Engineered Stone

At Technistone, we produce a high-quality quartz with a rich history dating back to our founding in 1991. Engineered stone is highly valued for its functionality and versatility, especially as a material for making kitchen countertops. Our products meet all the strict norms established for their use in interiors, including [direct contact with food](#), and are entirely safe for use by end consumers.

Recently, controversy has arisen about the process of manufacturing materials with silica and its impact on human health. Silica is present in many types of natural stone (granite, sandstone, diorite, quartzite, etc.), bricks, and ceramics. We want to stress that health risks arise only in situations where the clear, well-publicized rules for working safely with such materials are not respected. These rules are intended to prevent the introduction of respirable crystalline silica (RCS) dust into the atmosphere and thereby eliminate possible health risks such as silicosis. Silicosis is a serious illness. Therefore, we treat this matter with the utmost concern.

The safety of workers who produce and fabricate engineered stone is fundamental and is extremely important to us. We try very hard to educate our employees and our partners about how to work with it safely and employ proven methods. We constantly stress the basic rules for safely working with our materials, which include cutting and polishing materials under water, installing ventilating and vacuuming systems, testing and filtering the air, and of course, conscientiously using quality personal protection equipment.

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Technistone provides detailed information about safety on informational stickers in several world languages applied to slabs of engineered stone, [product safety sheets](#), [manuals for proper handling of materials](#), educational videos, and targeted communications on digital platforms.

We constantly stress the importance of following all safety protocols and the responsibility everyone has to protect their own health.

In an attempt to minimize the risks associated with working with engineered stone, Technistone is continually developing new technologies to reduce the content of crystalline silica content in its products. Without your help, however, those efforts will not achieve the desired results.

We would like to inform you that Technistone will not supply materials to stone masons who do not cut engineered stone slabs using underwater cutting techniques. This decision is made in line with our commitment to safety standards within the industry.

We ask you not to underestimate the risks and respect all safety rules as you produce your customers' orders. Keep in mind all the recommendations that we have made to you! If you distribute our product onward to other fabricators, always give them complete information about it, including the rules for working safely with our product.

Only together can we ensure that the beauty of engineered stone continues to please our customers and that this quality product reliably serves millions of consumers around the world.

Thank you

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