

General Health and Safety information to users of MDF and Plywood

RISKS

- Dust and smoke from these products are irritating to eyes, skin and respiratory system.
- May cause sensitisation by inhalation (asthma) and skin contact (dermatitis).
- Repeated inhalation of the dust increases the risk of nasal cavity cancer and may increase the risk of lung fibrosis (scarring).

SAFETY

- Avoid repeated or prolonged contact with skin.
- Avoid contact with eyes.
- Avoid breathing dust and smoke.
- Wear suitable clothing, standard duty gloves (AS2161 and dust resistant eye protection (AS/NZS1336). If machining without adequate dust or smoke extraction or if dusty or smoke, respiratory protection (particulate dust mask) must be worn (AS/NZS1715 and 1716). Keep work area clean by wet sweeping and/or vacuuming. Wash work clothes regularly and separately from other clothes.

FIRST AID

- Irrigate eyes with plenty of water.
- Wash skin with soap and water.

DISPOSAL

- Follow above instructions, and;
- Collect in containers for disposal as trade waste in accordance with local authority guidelines.
- The intact product and dust must not be burnt in barbecues, combustion stoves or open fires within the home, as irritating gases are emitted.

FIRE

- Dust may form an explosive mixture in air.
- Earth all exhaust equipment and prevent high dust concentrations in confined spaces.
- Extinguish with water, CO₂, foam or dry chemical extinguishers.
- Fire fighters must wear self-contained breathing apparatus.

Please note this information is general in nature. For more specific details in relation to safe handling and use of certain wood based panel products, please contact the product manufacturer or our office for MSDS or further information.

