

Clubhouse Cleanliness

There is a growing awareness of the danger of silicosis, a lung disease caused by the inhalation of airborne silica particles. Clay and glaze materials contain silica and, in their dry form, have the potential to become airborne.

Members are reminded that they are **responsible for the cleanliness** of the area they are working in and to clean up after themselves. To that end, the following guidelines are provided.

1. Always **use a clean wet sponge** to clean up the area you have used while you are making and when you are finished for the day. This includes trimmings that have fallen on the floor from the wheel.
2. Sweeping or vacuuming dry clay is not allowed as this can cause airborne particles.
3. **Floor is to be mopped to clean up** clay spills. (Mop & Bucket can be found in the Toilet)
4. Never dry trim your pieces on the wheel. Work should be leather hard but not dry for trimming.
5. Fettling (Sanding / scraping) of dry clay is never to be conducted inside the clubhouse. If required this should be done outside and stand on the upwind side of your work ensuring dust does not blow into the clubhouse. Wearing a mask is highly recommended.
6. When loading and unloading kiln/s you are encouraged to avoid touching/bumping the walls, wear a mask, kilns are lined with ceramic fibre and bricks, kiln wash on shelves and glazes all contain silica.
7. When hand glazing or spraying you are encouraged to wear a mask and gloves (or use tongs) glazes contain silica.

These guidelines are provided to ensure a safer space for all that use it.

I, the undersigned have read and understand guidelines provided. Date: _____ / _____ / _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Membership #: _____