

## Who is responsible for what?

**Employers** should determine whether dusts present in the workplace are explosible. If so, they must take proper precautions to protect workers against flash fires and explosions.

**Workers** must be protected from combustible dust flash fire and explosion hazards. Supervisors should be notified if proper precautions have not been taken to protect workers from combustible dust hazards.

## **Dust Control Measures**

collection systems.

The dust-containing systems (ducts and dust collectors) are designed in a manner that fugitive dusts are not allowed to accumulate in the work area. The facility has a housekeeping program with regular cleaning frequencies established for floors and horizontal surfaces, such as ducts, pipes, hoods, ledges, and beams, to minimize dust accumulations within operating areas of the facility. The working surfaces are designed in a manner to minimize dust accumulation and facilitate cleaning.

## Potentially Combustible Dusts

dusts not captured or contained.

charcoal
coal
lampblack
lignite
aluminum
iron
magnesium
titanium
zirconium
epoxy resin
melamine
phenolic resin
polyethylene
polypropylene
soap
sulfur

cellulose
corn
egg white
fertilizer
flour
powdered milk
soy flour
spices
starch
sugar
tobacco
wood dust
biosolids
dyes
pharmaceuticals

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