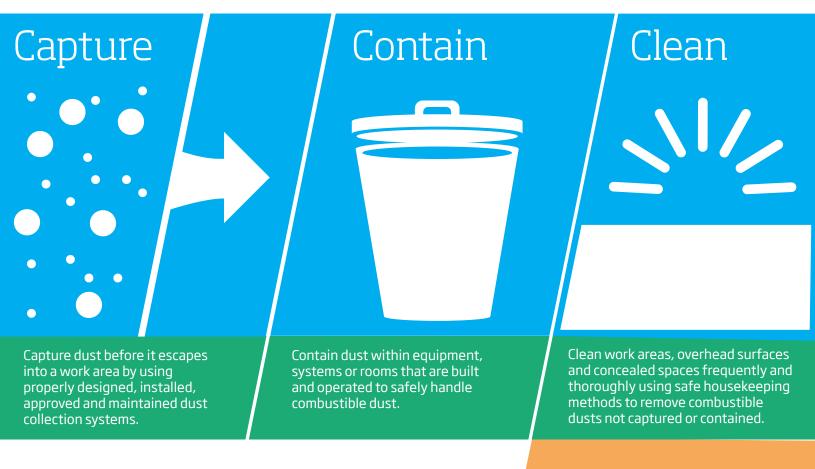
Steps to prevent dust explosions

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Who is responsible for what?

Employers should determine whether dusts present in the workplace are combustible. 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

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

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 rubber