

Safe Working Practices

WARNING — AVOID INHALING DUST CUT MATERIAL ONLY IN WELL-VENTILATED AREAS

When handling and installing Primebuild Decorative Wall Panels, follow the safe-work practices below to reduce the risk of respiratory irritation, injury, or other health hazards. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in serious harm.

Cutting Panels Outdoors

- **Set-Up and Positioning**
 - ◆ Conduct cutting operations outdoors whenever possible, allowing dust to disperse safely.
 - ◆ Keep all bystanders and unprotected workers clear of the cutting area.
- **Wind Direction & Ventilation**
 - ◆ Position cutting stations so dust is carried away from you and others.
 - ◆ Ensure adequate natural ventilation is available at the cutting site.
- **Required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**
 - ◆ **Respiratory Protection:** Wear a P1 or P2 (N95 or better) respirator approved to CSA standards for nuisance and fine particulates.
 - ◆ **Eye Protection:** Use CSA-approved safety goggles or safety glasses with side shields.
 - ◆ **Protective Clothing:** Wear long sleeves or protective garments to reduce skin contact with dust.

Cutting Panels Indoors

- **Dust Control**
 - ◆ Use power tools equipped with dust extraction, vacuum attachments, or other dust-collection systems to limit airborne dust.
- **Ventilation**
 - ◆ Improve airflow by opening windows and doors or using mechanical ventilation (fans or air movers).
- **Required PPE**
 - ◆ Always wear a P1 or P2 (N95 or better) respirator and CSA-approved eye protection during indoor cutting.
- **Drilling and Machining**
 - ◆ Wear an appropriate dust mask or respirator at all times to avoid inhaling fine particles.
 - ◆ Attach a dust-collection system or vacuum directly to power tools whenever possible to reduce dust release.

Important Safety Notes

- **Waste Disposal**
 - ◆ Collect dust and offcuts in sealed bags or containers and dispose of them according to local municipal waste guidelines.
- **Surface Cleaning**
 - ◆ After cutting or drilling, wipe down all work surfaces to remove remaining dust and prevent it from becoming airborne.
- **No Eating or Drinking in Work Areas**
 - ◆ Do not consume food or beverages in dusty areas to avoid accidental ingestion.

➤ **First Aid**

- ◆ If dust is inhaled or irritation occurs, move to fresh air immediately.
- ◆ Seek medical attention promptly if symptoms persist or worsen.

Dust Masks and Respirators

- ◆ Use a P1 or P2 (N95 or better) respirator for routine dust protection.
- ◆ For prolonged work or high-dust tasks, consider a half-face or full-face respirator with replaceable particulate filters that meet CSA standards.
- ◆ Ensure the respirator fits properly and is used exactly as directed by the manufacturer.