



**Spotlight on...**  
occupational cancers

**CONSIDERATE  
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## Case Study: VolkerWessels UK Occupational Cancer Campaigns

Although VolkerWessels does not have a policy that specifically relates to occupational cancers their Health and Safety Policies do include the requirement to control substances that are hazardous to health, including exposures to carcinogens.

VolkerWessels UK is a founding signatory for the IOSH No Time to Lose Campaign, they are also a supporting member of the BOHS Breathe Freely campaign.

### RAISING HEALTH AWARENESS

Cancer has always been an important focus for VolkerWessels UK. During their Men's and Women's health week campaign in 2014 breast self-check pads and prostate cancer information leaflets were provided to their employees. VolkerWessels also collaborated with Prostate Cancer UK to help raise awareness.

To view the Men's information leaflet, click [here](#).

To view the Women's information leaflet, click [here](#).

### SUN PROTECTION

A skin safety campaign was recently launched, to raise awareness of working out in the sun and the risks of skin cancer. They used information from the IOSH No Time To Lose campaign to provide their sites and offices with information packs and briefing tools.

To view the information on sun safety provided, click [here](#).

### MINIMISING DUST

Before any work commences pre-start meetings are held in which COSHH is addressed as well as an assessment of risks to health during the health and safety planning meetings, controls are put in place to prevent exposure.

Where it is possible, exposure to carcinogens are designed out.

VolkerWessels UK are currently planning a dust campaign for later on in the year, which will cover silica and asbestos.