

COSHH: Health & Safety For Natural Roofing Slate



Product: Natural Roofing Slate
Use: Roofing and Cladding Material

Physical & Chemical Characteristics

- Non Combustible
- Natural slate is a stable material gained from naturally occurring slate deposits.

Main Hazards

- Natural slate can cause excessive dust, when being cut and holed, and this is even more likely in small spaces. If dust is inhaled in excessive amounts, over many years, during the manufacturing process it can, without proper controls, possibly create a long term health hazard.
- In context of site work the only potential hazard is sharp edges and splinters, this can result in injuries and cuts.

Precautions

- Eye protection should be worn when cutting and holing slate.
- Strong protective gloves should be worn when handling slate.
- Dust masks should be worn when working with slate for prolonged periods.
- Working on a pitched roof surface is an extremely dangerous environment. As well as providing adequate scaffolding, the operator should wear an approved harness if at all practicable and have use of roof ladders and boards.

Transportation

- JRC's slates are all packed in a wooden crate to protect the slates whilst being transported.

Storage

- Due to the nature of slate, care should be taken with all aspects of storage and stacking.

First Aid

- In the event of cuts and other injuries, first aid and any required medical treatment should be given promptly.