

## **ATTENTION:**

When cutting tiles, especially ceramic, porcelain or natural stone tiles, there is a significant risk of exposure to silica dust, which can be harmful if inhaled and can lead to serious lung diseases like silicosis, lung cancer, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

To prevent silica exposure when working with tile/stone, it is important to use appropriate tools and safety equipment. If proper precautions are not taken, it can pose health risks as mentioned above.

### **Recommendations:**

- Avoid dry cutting or grinding with an electric grinder. Using dry cutting methods could present a risk of acute lung injury. Wet cutting or the score and snap method is recommended during the installation process.
- Respiratory masks are necessary to prevent exposure.
- Properly clean workspaces and tools after working with tiles to avoid any residual dust or debris. It is recommended to use a vacuum system with a high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter vacuum or damp sweeping.