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## 5 tips for preventing combustible dust explosions



Anyone whose processing produces combustible dust — food, pharmaceuticals, textiles, etc. — is aware of catastrophe lurking. Here are a few tips from OSHA to prevent explosion:

1

Implement a hazardous dust inspection, testing, housekeeping and control program.

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Use proper dust collection systems.

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Regularly inspect for dust residues in open and hidden areas.

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If ignition sources are present, use cleaning methods that do not generate dust clouds.

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Control smoking, open flames and sparks — including mechanical sparks and friction.

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