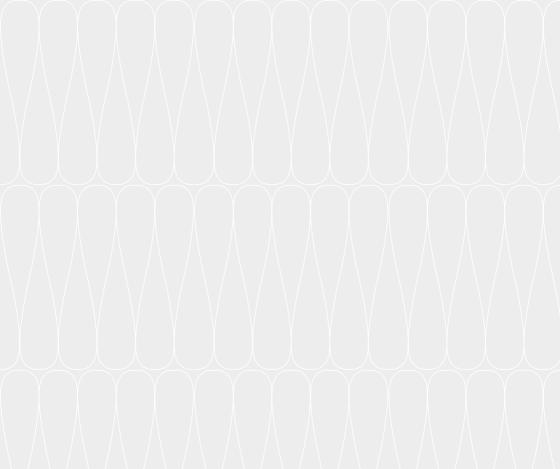
Health safety application of mineral wool – Basic protection steps in applying insulations from glass or stone wool





Dear Reader,

For all that intend to build their own house or to refurbish it energy saving is a key aspect. Here insulation materials made from mineral wool provide a superior solution. They do protect on heat and cold alike, serve as sound damper and provide an optimum on fire protection. Their ever evident popularity in the building industry as well as with private home owners can easily be explained with the simplicity of applying them.

Mineral wool quality is regularly verified and confirmed as a non-health impacting product since 1999 by the neutral organization "Quality association for mineral wool". Only the quality association for mineral wool is entitled to issue the quality mark "Erzeugnisse aus Mineralwolle" following the German quality standard RAL GZ 388. Thus, consumers as well as professional purchasers shall pay attention that mineral wool products carry this quality mark.

Still, also tested and approved mineral wool products may cause short termed, not lasting impacts on the skin. Therefore a few simple protection steps should be implemented when working with mineral wool. You will find them as pictograms as well as with a short explanation in this flyer and on all packaging of mineral wool carrying the RAL quality mark. Those protection actions are used by professionals and are recommended also for private users.

With best regards

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The mechanical effect of fibers in contact with skin may cause temporary itching



1.) Cover exposed skin. When working in unventilated area wear disposable face mask.



2.) Clean area using vacuum equipment.



3.) Waste should be disposed of according to local regulations.



4.) Rinse hands in cold water before washing them.



5.) Ventilate working area if possible.



6.) Headwear goggles when working overhead.





Further information on mineral wool carrying the RAL quality mark available from:

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The website also provides free of charge downloads of the brochure "50 Antworten zur modernen Dämmung" and the instruction guide "Umgang mit Mineralwolle-Dämmstoffen".