## **Safety & The Environment**

## When working with Prolam, follow the below recommendations.

- When power-sawing/machining any timber wear goggles to protect eyes from flying particles and a mask to avoid dust inhalation.
- If sawdust accumulates on clothes, launder before re-use. Wash work clothes separately from other household clothing.
- After working with CCA treated wood wash hands before eating, drinking, smoking or otherwise placing your hands near your mouth or rubbing your eyes.
- CCA treated offcuts and sawdust should not be burnt nor used in barbecues. Disposal to a designated landfill is appropriate.
- Ensure that any dust and residue on the surface of the wood is washed off prior to use.

CCA treated timber is safe to use in normal circumstances. The preservative reacts with the wood to form chemical complexes that are highly insoluble and leach resistant. The CCA preservative penetrates deeply into and will remain in the wood for a long period of time. However very small quantities of preservative may migrate from the preserved wood into the surrounding soil over time and there may also be incidental contact with skin during construction or use. This contact is highly unlikely to pose a significant health hazard.

