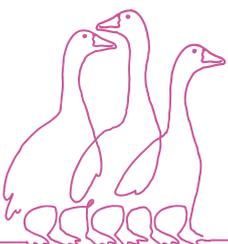


A quick guide to better asbestos management

Asbestos can be found in any building built before 2000. Therefore, managing it is crucial for reducing workplace risk for many businesses.

It is important to know where you can find Asbestos Containing Materials (ACMs) in your organisation. Common places include:

- Cement sheets and moulded products
- Floor tiles and linoleum
- Gaskets and bitumen felts
- Insulation boards
- Lagging and insulation
- Mastics, sealants, putties and adhesives
- Millboards and papers
- Reinforced plastics such as toilet cisterns
- Spray coatings
- Textured coatings and paints
- Textile products



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Eight steps to managing asbestos

To avoid the accidental release of asbestos fibres, these are the steps a tenant, landlord or duty holder should take to prevent exposure of personnel and ensure legal compliance.

1. Asbestos Survey:

Request a competent asbestos surveyor to conduct an asbestos survey, so that you know where your asbestos is, or request that the information be provided to you.

2. Asbestos Register:

Record the location of all asbestos in buildings, plant and equipment.

3. Risk Assessment:

Identify what tasks need to be carried out and who may be potentially exposed to asbestos materials.

4. Asbestos Management Plan (AMP):

Manage your ACMs by identifying those that need to be removed and those in good condition that can be left in-situ and managed, as well as implementing safety measures for those working on or around ACMs.

5. Re-inspection:

A competent person must conduct a regular review of all ACMs to monitor the condition of known ACMs.

6. Refurbishment and Demolition Survey:

A competent asbestos surveyor must conduct an intrusive check of any areas that will be disturbed during the construction work.

7. Training:

Workers and contractors should receive asbestos awareness training, including the location of ACMs, how to work safely, and how to protect themselves.

8. Incident investigation:

If an ACM is damaged, a thorough investigation of the asbestos management process should be completed, and any personnel exposed must be noted in their records.

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