

COMPANY ASBESTOS AWARENESS TRAINING

1. Asbestos dust is very dangerous.
2. Undisturbed asbestos is not harmful, but it should not be drilled, cut or moved. Also be aware of similar activities and demolition by other trades within the working area.
3. Examples of where asbestos can be found: insulation boards, lagging, textured surface coatings, sprayed coatings providing fire or acoustic insulation, gaskets and paper products used for thermal and electrical insulation, ceiling and floor tiles, corrugated roof sheets, cement based boards and sheets, cement guttering, ducts and pipe work.
4. Principal areas where asbestos may be found: boiler house, service duct, lift shaft and roof void.
5. Often the presence of asbestos will not be obvious. It is sensible to assume that any building built or refurbished before 2000 is still likely to contain asbestos.
6. No work is to be carried out that would involve the disturbance of a material that is suspected of containing asbestos. If you suspect it is present, do not proceed but inform the site representative / client and our office to enable analysis and safe removal if necessary.
7. Proceed only once the asbestos has been removed and the air is clear or if the suspicious material is proved safe.
8. Chrysotile 'White' is a fine, silky, flexible, white to grey / green fibre.
9. Amosite 'Brown' is a straight, brittle fibre, light grey to pale brown.
10. Crocidolite 'Blue' is a straight, flexible blue fibre.
11. Amthophyllite is a brittle, white to brown fibre.
12. Particular attention should be paid:
 - (a) When working with storage heaters and distribution boards.
 - (b) When disturbing ceiling tiles.
 - (c) When disturbing textured coated walls and ceilings.
 - (d) When disturbing insulated board panels.
 - (e) When working in service ducts, roof voids and lift shafts.
 - (f) Where there may be contact with asbestos insulation or lagging.
 - (g) Where disturbance of deposits of asbestos dust and debris may occur.

IF YOU SUSPECT ASBESTOS IS PRESENT, STOP WORK AND SEEK ADVICE.

This policy will be reviewed annually.

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