

Asbestos quick start environmental checklist

Use this checklist to see if you are complying with environmental legislation if you own or occupy premises containing asbestos, work with asbestos materials, or have asbestos waste to dispose of. If you work in construction, demolition or building maintenance you are particularly at risk of exposure to asbestos.

Identify asbestos and work with it safely

- Have an asbestos register for any buildings you own or occupy, containing the location, type, condition and risk of any materials containing asbestos.
- Make sure all of your employees and contractors that work on the fabric of a building are able to identify asbestos.
- Inform your employees and contractors of the location and condition of all materials containing asbestos that they could disturb.
- Use a licensed contractor or a trained contractor for all asbestos removal work.
- Label, maintain and monitor any asbestos materials that are left in place.
- Check with your water company or authority before working where old asbestos cement pipes may be buried.

Dispose of asbestos waste correctly

- Deal with any waste containing 0.1% or more of asbestos as hazardous/special waste. If a waste contains pieces of asbestos, such as in contaminated soils, the limit applies to the pieces.
- Label all asbestos materials and asbestos waste clearly with the asbestos warning label.
- Double-bag waste that contains asbestos and store it securely, such as in a covered, locked skip. Asbestos waste includes contaminated clothing, personal protective equipment, contaminated soils and old equipment containing asbestos such as ovens, fire blankets and brake pads.
- Check that anyone who takes waste away from your site is authorised to do so. Ask to see their waste carrier's certificate.
- Complete consignment notes whenever anyone else takes hazardous/special waste away from your site. Keep consignment notes and return to producer forms for at least three years.
- Send or take your asbestos waste to a waste site that is authorised to receive it. Use our waste directory to find licensed waste sites in your area.

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Further information

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