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P18 – Asbestos Safety Policy

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Asbestos can be found in any building built before the year 2000 (houses, factories, offices, schools, hospitals etc) and causes around 5000 deaths in the UK every year. Breathing asbestos fibres can lead to asbestos-related diseases.

Asbestos cannot be easily identified from its appearance. Its most common uses were;

- As a sprayed coating on walls, ceilings beams and columns
- As insulation lagging in buildings and factories, on pipework and for boilers and ducts.
- As asbestos insulation board in ceiling tiles, partition walls and fire doors
- As asbestos cement products such as sheeting on walls and roofs.

Asbestos Removal Works

Since we are not licensed to remove asbestos it is the policy of the Company never to undertake the removal of any asbestos and such works must only be carried out by an appointed specialist asbestos removal contractor.

Pre-Start Guidance

If the building you are working on was built before the year 2000 do not start work until you have seen the asbestos report / register which should cover the areas where work is to be undertaken.

Known Asbestos

All known asbestos containing products identified in the report must be clearly identified. Details of the known locations of asbestos must be communicated as part of the induction to all workers entering site.

Pre-start Inspection - prior to starting any work an initial inspection for asbestos should be completed.

If asbestos register is not available or if suspect materials are discovered during pre-start inspection stop work immediately and inform line manager.



Unexpected Discovery / Exposure

In the event that any hidden or previously unidentified material suspected to contain asbestos is discovered and is disturbed the following action must be taken immediately;

- 1. All areas of potential contamination should be cleared of all persons and signed / zoned to prevent anyone entering this area. Management informed.
- 2. Client should be made aware of the potential exposure, including the exact location and condition of the suspected asbestos.
- 3. All materials including equipment and tools within the zoned area must be treated as contaminated until such times as they have been cleared for removal from the zone by the appointed asbestos removal contractor.
- 5. Employees and others who may have been inadvertently exposed to asbestos must be informed immediately and appropriate action taken depending on the outcome of review of exposure.

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