

Handling Asbestos Onsite

Guidance for Bay Building Estimators and Supervisors when Encountered Asbestos Debris onsite.

DO NOT TOUCH ASBESTOS/ SUSPICIOUS MATERIAL

Issue

Bay Building Staff are **NOT ALLOWED** to handle asbestos in any situation including the following:

- Collecting asbestos debris from floor to carryout make safe.
- Collecting asbestos pieces/sheets for sampling.
- Breaking asbestos sheet from eaves for sampling.

Risk

Following are the Risks

- Getting exposed to asbestos could lead to severe health issues particularly related to lungs.
- Bay Building staff are not trained/licensed in handling asbestos.
- Untrained/unlicensed persons exposed to asbestos could trigger a series of investigations and involvement of WorkSafe from the relevant state.



Removal of 10 Sq Mt Asbestos

Some states allow removal of up to 10 Sq Mt of Asbestos through an unlicensed asbestos contractor. In Bay Building, any removal of asbestos (irrespective of the quantity) should be through Licensed asbestos removalist only.



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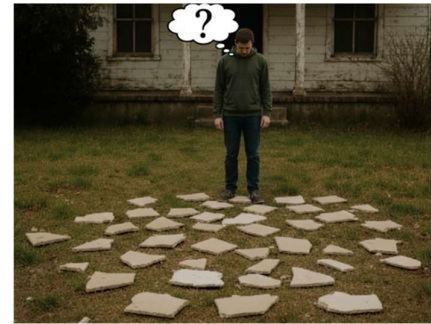
Asbestos Present Onsite

There may be instances when, being an estimator or supervisor, you arrived onsite and realised debris on floor and which potentially contains asbestos.

Following steps will provide guidelines for handling such situation.

Taking Decision

- Analyse the situation where you are present such as age of the property etc.
- Do not take any risks of touching a suspicious material.



Guide Others onsite

- Provide guidance to others onsite for not touching the material being suspicious.



Seek Assistance

- Contact the office to allocate Asbestos Contractor to carryout make safe at the site.
- Instruct asbestos contractor to remove the potential asbestos material from site and treat the area for any environmental issues.



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Essential Make Safe

- DO NOT TOUCH the material on ground.
- Put a plastic or cloth to cover the scattered pieces to avoid dust or potentially asbestos pieces to air born and potentially damages environment.
- While doing this make sure the plastic is well covering the pieces.
- Cordon off the area with a caution tape.
- Engage a Licensed Asbestos contractor to carry out the make safe including removal of potentially asbestos debris and treat the area for any environmental issues.

