



Policy Statement on Asbestos

The hazard associated with working with Asbestos Containing Material (ACM) is that when disturbed, asbestos fibres are released. Asbestos Fibres are known to be the cause of asbestosis (asbestos induced lung fibrosis), mesothelioma (cancer of the pleura or lining of the lung) and bronchogenic carcinoma (lung cancer). It is therefore essential that all legislation and procedures are complied with fully in order to protect everyone.

The AGGORA policy is to use only licensed contractors for all works associated with notifiable ACM regardless of type or location.

PRECAUTIONS

Prior to commencement of works to a previously developed site, or works of a demolition or refurbishment nature, the Contracts Manager must liaise with the Client, Safety, Health & Environmental team or specialist contractors to ensure an appropriate survey is undertaken to ascertain if any asbestos based materials are present. Any suspicious materials will be sampled and sent for analysis.

TRAINING

Information, toolbox talks and instruction will be given to all employees and other persons affected, relevant to the specific project including:

- Asbestos awareness training where relevant to their duties
- Health risks associated with asbestos;
- Reporting procedures
- Individual responsibilities
- Emergency Procedures
- Evidential proof of Sub-contractors asbestos awareness training.

Based upon the analysis report an assessment will be made by a specialist contractor as to the best method to prevent exposure to asbestos fibres. In all cases this will involve the use of specialist contractors with a license issued by the HSE for the removal of asbestos containing materials. A copy of the contractor license must be provided to the site management before work starts.

Before any asbestos related works proceed a licensed contractor must produce a written method statement for approval by AGGORA, approval will be given in writing. The method statement will include control measures as appropriate for the type of asbestos work being undertaken.

The method statement must include the following details as a minimum:

Type of asbestos;

- Method of removal
- Anticipated fibre release
- Control measures to minimise the release of fibre
- Plan of works to include details of enclosures, viewing panels, NPU's, bag locks, transit routes, waste bin and de-contamination unit, as appropriate for the work being undertaken
- Testing of enclosure (smoke testing will be witnessed)
- Emergency procedures

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