



10 STEP ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PROCESS



1. AWARENESS / COMPLIANCE

Someone becomes aware of the potential that a property may contain one or more of the over 3000 Asbestos products used in the past.

Properties that serve as Workplaces, must have an 'Asbestos Register' if they were constructed before 31st December 2003 or of course, if asbestos is on the site. An Asbestos Register is a document that details the location, condition, type and condition of asbestos containing material. These may be one or more of the over 3000 Asbestos containing products used in the past. The Asbestos Register is also noting if the Asbestos at the site is friable or non-friable.

2. CONSIDERATION

The company or individual must consider an Asbestos Audit to become compliant with current legislation and to mitigate the risk for their employees or contractors (e.g. Maintenance workers) and on their investment.



The company or individual would ideally engage an experienced and licensed Asbestos Assessor to evaluate options, conduct the survey and assess Asbestos risk, understand the survey requirements and undertake the actual survey and assessment process.

3. CONSULTATION



A certified specialist is engaged to evaluate options, identify requirements and start an auditing process.

To facilitate an Asbestos Register, a visual inspection and risk assessment is required. The requirement is for the Asbestos survey to be conducted by a competent person such as a Licensed Asbestos Assessor. The assessor can determine what items may contain asbestos and they can determine the products asbestos risk, in the form of a professional risk assessment.

This will assist in mitigating risk to employees or contractors (e.g. maintenance workers).

4. SAMPLING

A licensed Asbestos Assessor is sent to site to examine the situation and to undertake sampling of materials.



A Licensed Asbestos Assessor or consultant attends site to visually assess and examine the site for Asbestos containing materials and may take representative samples of the suspect Asbestos containing materials for laboratory analysis confirmation.

5. LABORATORY ANALYSIS



Samples are analysed in our NATA accredited laboratory to determine the type of Asbestos in the sample.

The material samples are analysed in a NATA accredited laboratory to determine Asbestos content or otherwise in the material presented to the laboratory.

6. REPORT – AN ASBESTOS REGISTER

A detailed report containing the findings and recommendations is created and provided to the company or individual.



A detailed Asbestos Register containing all confirmed and assumed Asbestos items, with recommendations is presented in the Asbestos Register, which details each Asbestos item at the site. The detailed Asbestos Register ideally should contain information about the locations of samples taken, any NATA laboratory analysis findings and photographs of asbestos items, plans and clear descriptions of where the Asbestos material is.

7. REMOVAL



A Licensed Asbestos Removalist is engaged to remove contaminated material under strict regulatory guidelines.

A Licensed Asbestos Removalist must be to be engaged to undertake any asbestos removal. This process is conducted within the framework of strict Work Health and Safety guidelines and compliant Asbestos removal practices.

8. AIRBORNE FIBRE MONITORING

To assure the Asbestos removal work does not introduce "fugitive" airborne fibres into the environment, the air is monitored during the removal process.



During an Asbestos removal, Airborne Fibre Monitoring is to be conducted. This is to ensure that the Licensed Removal Company has procedures and practices in place to minimise any fibre release during the removal process. Airborne Fibre Monitoring is to be conducted by an independently appointed Licensed Asbestos Assessor.

9. ASBESTOS CLEARANCE INSPECTION



Where required, a second Asbestos inspection (clearance inspection) is conducted to confirm that the area of removal is visually cleared of Asbestos dust and debris.

At the conclusion of the initial Asbestos removal the Licensed Asbestos Assessor (as an independent entity), will visually inspect the Asbestos removal area and adjacent areas to verify that all Asbestos has been removed. And, that the area is visually clean of Asbestos, Asbestos debris and dust and is safely re-occupiable as far as Asbestos risk is concerned. The Asbestos Register is then up-dated and revised to reflect the Asbestos removal that has occurred.

10. DISPOSAL

The contaminated material is disposed of properly at a licensed waste facility.



Asbestos waste, removed from the site must be disposed of appropriately at an approved waste disposal facility by the Licensed Asbestos Removal Contractor.