

ASB-01

Asbestos Awareness — Risk Assessment

Site-specific. Complete, sign, review. Delete rows that do not apply.

Assessor: _____ Site: _____ Date: _____ Review due: _____

Hazard	Who is harmed and how	Controls required	Further action	Done
Disturbing asbestos insulating board, lagging or sprayed coating	Anyone in the area. Mesothelioma, asbestosis, lung cancer, decades later	STOP. This is licensed work. Nobody touches it without an HSE licensed contractor		
Drilling, cutting or sanding asbestos cement sheet	The worker and everyone nearby. Fibre release	Stop. Non-licensed or notifiable non-licensed work requires separate training and controls		
Assuming a pre-2000 building is clear	Everyone working in it. Unknowing exposure	Consult the asbestos register BEFORE work starts. If there is no register, presume asbestos is present		
Ceiling tiles, floor tiles, textured coatings, soffits, flues, gaskets, rope seals	Anyone disturbing them. Fibre release	Assume anything pre-2000 could contain it until a survey says otherwise		
Sweeping or vacuuming debris with an ordinary vacuum	Everyone present. Massive fibre release	Never. Only a Class H vacuum by trained people. Ordinary vacuums blow fibres out		
Taking contaminated clothing home	The worker's family. Secondary exposure	Never take overalls home. Disposable overalls, disposed of correctly		
Carrying on after an accidental disturbance	Everyone present, and later occupants	STOP immediately, leave the area, prevent access, report. Do not clean it up yourself		
Fragile asbestos cement roof sheets	Anyone on the roof. Fall AND fibre release	Never walk on them. Combine with the working at height controls		

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