

ASB-02

Asbestos Awareness — Safe System of Work

Display a copy where the work is done.

Before you start

- Ask for the asbestos register before you start. Read it.
- If there is no register and the building is pre-2000, presume asbestos is present and stop.
- Identify what you are about to drill, cut, sand or break into.
- Know who to tell if you find something unexpected.
- Know that this training does not authorise you to work on asbestos.

The numbers that get checked

Item	Requirement	Why
Deaths per year in Great Britain	Around 5,000	More than road traffic collisions
Buildings at risk	Anything built or refurbished before the year 2000	The single most useful date to remember
What this training does	Awareness ONLY	It does NOT authorise anyone to work on asbestos
No register?	PRESUME asbestos is present	Never presume it is absent
Accidental disturbance	STOP, leave, prevent access, report	Do not clean it up
Vacuum	Class H only, by trained people	An ordinary vacuum makes it far worse

While you are working

- If you are not certain what a material is, stop and ask.
- Never drill, cut, sand or break anything that might contain asbestos.
- Never sweep or use an ordinary vacuum on suspect debris.
- Never take contaminated clothing home.

Stop immediately if

- You find a material you cannot identify.
- The asbestos register does not cover the area you are in.
- There is no register and the building is pre-2000.
- You have disturbed something that might contain asbestos.
- You find debris, damaged board or unexpected insulation.

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