



Asbestos Checklist

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- Determine whether or not building contains Asbestos Containing Material (ACM)
 - ACM = Greater than 1% Asbestos
 - Handle all materials suspected of containing asbestos in facilities constructed before 1981 as if they do until proven otherwise
- If building/materials are ACM, then determine “class” of ACM work
 - Class I: work activities involving removal of thermal system insulation (TSI) or surfacing materials
 - Class II: any ACM other than TSI or surfacing material [floor tile, roofing, etc.]
 - Class III: maintenance work where ACM may be disturbed
 - Class IV: maintenance/custodial activities where employees may contact but not disturb ACM
- Look at specific requirements that related to the specific class of ACM work.

General Requirements for *all* Classes of ACM work

- Perform an exposure assessment/personal air sampling to determine degree of employee exposure
 - Maintain all 30-minute exposures below 1 f/cc
 - Keep employee exposures below 8-hour time-weighted average (TWA) of .1 f/cc
 - Note: If TWA or excursion limit is exceeded, establish regulated work areas
- Establish regulated area

- Properly enclosed and posted
 - Access limited to authorized personnel
 - Appropriate respirators worn by entrants
 - Eating, drinking, smoking, and gum chewing prohibited
 - Adjacent clean room and decontamination area
 - Operations supervised by competent person
- Protective clothing (coveralls, head covers) provided for employees
- Clean clothing and equipment must be provided at least weekly
- Communicate asbestos hazards to affected employees and other contractors by means of signs, labeling, and exchange of information concerning the work being done involving ACM
- Have medical surveillance program made available to affected employees
- Establish appropriate housekeeping practices
- Use of HEPA filtered vacuuming equipment to collect ACM dust
 - Place ACM wastes/debris into impermeable, labeled, and sealed containers

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