

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS CONT.

exempt from the general survey requirements.

All demolitions, or renovations involving a partial demolition, are subject to an ORCAA Notification of Demolition Permit regardless of whether or not asbestos is present. All demolition permits must be accompanied by a survey from a certified Asbestos Hazardous Emergency Response Act (AHERA) Inspector. This survey is used to let ORCAA know whether or not the material being demolished has asbestos containing material (ACM) in it. An ORCAA demolition project includes the wrecking, dismantling, and/or removal of any load supporting structural member on any building, vessel, or structure, or the burning of a structure by an approved entity.

What if I don't do an inspection?

Failure to perform inspections in accordance with the regulations increases your liability, and places employees, contractors, and family members at risk of exposure.

State law specifies a minimum \$250 per day fine for failure to obtain the asbestos report. This fine can be applied to both the contractor and building owner. Additional fines may be applied if workers are exposed to airborne asbestos.

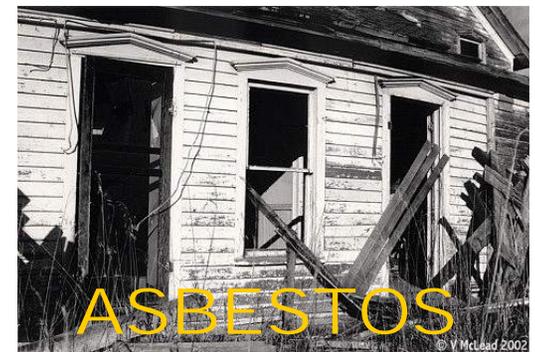


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Don't put yourself at risk!!

ARE YOU PLANNING
A:

- REMODEL / RENOVATION
- ADDITION
- DEMOLITION / SALVAGE
- FLOORING, ROOFING or SIDING REPLACEMENT
- HEATING SYSTEM & DUCT REPLACEMENT/UPGRADE
- PROPERTY TRANSACTION

Protect yourself from the liability associated with performing work around asbestos containing materials.

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WHAT IS ASBESTOS?

Asbestos is the name that's used for a group of 6 different naturally occurring mineral fibers that have been used in more than 5,000 different residential and commercial building materials.

Some asbestos building materials tend to break easily into a dust composed of microscopic particles that can float in the air and stick to clothes. The fibers may be easily inhaled or swallowed and can cause serious health problems.

Inhalation of asbestos fibers can cause serious, debilitating, and often fatal diseases. These include mesothelioma, asbestos lung cancer, and asbestosis.

WASHINGTON STATE LAW

Asbestos inspections are required for all remodeling and demolition projects performed in Washington State. Under L&I's Division of Occupational Safety and Health asbestos standard, "thermal system insulation (pipe lagging, boiler insulation, etc.), surfacing materials (spray-on acoustical plasters, troweled on plaster coatings, etc.) and flooring materials (vinyl tile, sheet goods, etc.) are all presumed to contain asbestos in buildings built before 1981." The building owner must report these materials as asbestos unless an accredited inspector has shown them to be asbestos free.

- Chapter 296-62 WAC, Part I-1—
General requirements for handling asbestos

- Chapter 296-65 WAC—Asbestos certification and notification requirements
- Chapter 296-155 WAC, Part S—
Construction demolition, prior removal of asbestos
- Asbestos is also regulated by the EPA and regional air pollution authorities in Washington

COMMON ASBESTOS CONTAINING BUILDING MATERIALS (ACM)

- Popcorn ceiling, ceiling tiles and tile glue
- Flooring materials (linoleum, vinyl tile, poured flooring, asphalt)
- Mastics/glues
- Underlayment papers and vapor barriers
- Drywall, mud, and wall texture materials, plaster/wall joints
- Vinyl wall coverings
- Electric cloth, panel partitions and wiring insulation
- Furnace, boiler and ductwork insulation, fire proofing
- Mudded pipe elbow insulation
- Spray-applied and blown-in insulation
- Paper on the back of fiberglass insulation
- Roofing and siding materials
- Caulking and putties
- Window glazing
- Cement Pipes
- Brick mortar
- Vermiculite

ADESA'S ASBESTOS SERVICES

Surveys for potential asbestos-containing materials (ACM) in residential and commercial structures are conducted by an AHERA Building Inspector in the areas to be demolished or disturbed.

Samples are taken using AHERA sampling protocols (40CFR763.86) and analyzed in an accredited laboratory using polarized light microscopy (PLM).

A report documenting the results of the survey is provided to comply with local and state permitting requirements. The report includes a record of sample locations and photos, the results of the laboratory analysis, condition and estimated quantities of any asbestos containing materials discovered during the survey.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

✚ *When do I need an asbestos building inspection?*

An asbestos building survey/inspection is required for every renovation and demolition project conducted in Washington State.

✚ *Can I take my own samples?*

Although not recommended, if you are conducting work (**remodel only**) in your own residence (single family and owner-occupied), which is not used for commercial purposes, then you are

