



Top 10 ways to Reduce Your Asbestos Liabilities

Perform an asbestos survey of your facility: OSHA's Asbestos Construction Industry Standard 29 CFR 1926.1101 requires facility owners to identify the presence, location and quantity of asbestos containing materials (ACM) at a work site unless the facility was constructed after 1980.

Develop and implement a written Asbestos Operation & Maintenance (O&M) Program/Plan: O&M plans are effective to manage identified ACM in good condition in-place. Take preemptive measures to implement repairs of damaged materials prior to implementing the O&M.

Establish a Chain of Command for asbestos related issues at your facility: Identify an asbestos coordinator who is responsible and has the authority to take prompt corrective measures to control potential asbestos hazards.

Train building maintenance and custodial staff in asbestos hazard awareness: Your staff are your eyes and ears of who is working in your building and the extent that controls are being implemented. Don't rely on verbal communications verify by visual assessments by your staff.

Control renovations, repairs, remodeling and demolition operations in your facility utilizing a work permit system: These activities must be managed by your asbestos coordinator.

Identify work tasks within your facility which contact and may disturb identified ACM: Notify outside trade contractors and maintenance/custodial staff of asbestos locations and precautions which must be taken to avoid disturbing these materials.

Affix OSHA asbestos warning labels to identified ACM (such as piping): Asbestos warning signs should be affixed in high risk locations such as mechanical rooms. Affix asbestos-free labels to newly installed or previously confirmed non-ACM building materials.

Periodically Reinspect identified ACM: Reinspection should be documented at least annually by maintenance staff. Any evidence of damage should be reported ASAP to your asbestos coordinator.

Notify tenants of the presence, location and quantity of ACM within their lease space: This includes any restrictions for access and precautions which must be taken to avoid disturbance previously identified ACM.

Establish a business relationship with an asbestos contractor to respond to asbestos emergencies: Your prompt response will maintain the confidence of your employees in regards to their health and safety as well as save you money in the long run.

About our organization: AET has over 28 years of asbestos contracting/consulting experience totaling tens of thousands of asbestos projects. AET has a proven record of success to respond promptly and cost effectively to your asbestos issues.

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