



## **The Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations 2002**

Slough Estates owns and manages nearly 2 million square metres of business space throughout the UK and participated in the British Property Federation's asbestos working party during the HSE consultation process.

At Slough, we are committed to rigorous management of health & safety issues and promoting best practice at all times.

To ensure compliance with the regulations is achieved in a measured and proportionate manner, we have

- ◆ Established a policy that clearly identifies responsibilities within our own organisation
- ◆ Undertaken an analysis of our portfolio to determine which properties could possibly contain asbestos
- ◆ Investigated where we are the duty holder and where our customers are responsible
- ◆ Contacted occupiers where there are unclear responsibilities so that we may agree with the customer, how the risks should be managed
- ◆ Appointed one expert consultant able to provide advice, undertake all surveys thus ensuring consistency of approach and offer surveys to our occupiers at preferential rates
- ◆ Prioritised assessments and in high priority cases, commissioned Type 2 surveys as a minimum where we are the Duty Holder (in most instances the information will be passed to occupiers to form the basis of their own management plan)
- ◆ Established a register of all surveys undertaken and identified these properties within our Environmental Register
- ◆ Communicated the nature of the regulations to all our customers
- ◆ Held a series of occupier workshops to explain the regulations and assist our customers to discharge their responsibilities
- ◆ Offered to assist occupiers identify firms able to undertake assessments
- ◆ Identified what information may be available to assist our customers in undertaking an assessment, and established procedures for making it available

Training has been provided for our surveyors and all members of staff have been kept up-to-date about the issue and what is being done, via the company newsletter.

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