

# Managing Asbestos

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# How to manage your asbestos

**Asbestos is the single biggest cause of work-related deaths in the UK. Asbestos related diseases such as mesothelioma, asbestosis and lung cancer are thought to be responsible for up to 3,000 deaths each year due to past exposure.**

Asbestos was widely used in buildings between 1945 and 1985. That is why it is so vital that the correct safety precautions are taken when working in areas where asbestos containing materials (ACMs) may be encountered. It is estimated that some half a million workplaces in the UK still have asbestos in them. Whilst ACMs remain undisturbed they pose no risk to health. However, they can be fatal if not properly managed.

The Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations 2002 introduced a duty to manage asbestos in non-domestic premises. From May 2004 those responsible for maintenance and repair of these premises are required to assess whether there is asbestos present. If asbestos is present it must be either removed or managed, ensuring that any subsequent maintenance work does not expose workers to avoidable risks. Those responsible should provide workers with information about the location and condition of ACMs if there is a chance of them being disturbed. Even though the new duty is not yet law, dutyholders are encouraged to start managing their asbestos now to prevent further deaths.

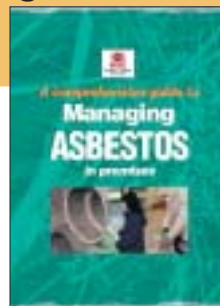
HSE's asbestos campaign aims to encourage people to comply with the new duty to manage. Further details can be found on HSE's website [www.hse.gov.uk/campaigns/asbestos](http://www.hse.gov.uk/campaigns/asbestos). HSE has also produced good practice guidance on the new duty, giving examples of how some organisations are managing their asbestos. This can be found at [www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/experience](http://www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/experience).

This leaflet provides details of HSE Books' wide range of information that aims to help to reduce the risks from asbestos in a wide variety of industries. As well as helping those with responsibilities under the new Regulations, there is advice for those working on asbestos removal, the area that carries the highest risk of exposure, and those in the construction and building maintenance trades, the largest group at risk. The publications also cover other areas where there may be unforeseen contact with asbestos including plumbing, carpentry, and electrical, computer, cable and fire alarm installation.

## A comprehensive guide to managing asbestos in premises

*\*Second edition*

This guidance is aimed at people who have a duty to manage the risks from ACMs in premises ie building owners, tenants and others with legal responsibility for workplaces. The book outlines the steps that should be taken to ensure that all ACMs within a building are identified and managed safely.



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## A short guide to managing asbestos in premises

*\*New edition*

This guidance is for people who own, manage or have responsibilities for non-domestic premises that may contain asbestos. They will have either a legal duty to manage the risk from asbestos, or a duty to co-operate with whoever does.

Anyone who has information on the whereabouts of asbestos will, under the duty of co-operation, be required to make this available to those responsible for managing these risks. This guidance will also be useful to people managing asbestos in domestic premises.



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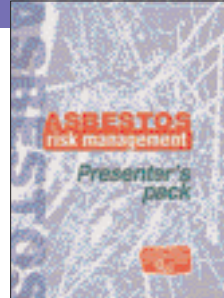
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## The management of asbestos in non-domestic premises

The Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations 2002.

*\*New edition*

This ACOP gives advice on how to comply with the new Duty to Manage asbestos in non-domestic premises - regulation 4 of the Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations 2002 (CAW). It explains the duties of building owners, tenants and anyone else who has any legal responsibilities for workplaces.

The regulation comes into force in May 2004 and will require: taking reasonable steps to find asbestos in premises and check its condition; presuming materials contain asbestos unless there is strong evidence to suppose they do not; making a written record of the location and condition of asbestos materials which is kept up to date; assessing the risk of anyone being exposed to asbestos materials; and preparing and putting into effect a plan to manage the risk.



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## Work with asbestos insulation, asbestos coating and asbestos insulating board

*\*Fourth edition*

The fourth edition of this Approved Code of Practice (ACOP) applies to work with asbestos insulation, asbestos coating and asbestos insulating board as defined in the Asbestos (Licensing) Regulations 1983. It also applies to employers carrying out similar work on their own premises, but who do not have to hold a licence.

The ACOP takes account of the Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations 2002 (CAW), and should be read in conjunction with the general ACOP *Work with asbestos which does not normally require a licence*, which has also been revised at the same time.

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Part 2 gives additional advice specific to the manufacturing industry. The related ACOP, *Work with asbestos insulation, asbestos coating and asbestos insulating board (4th edition)*, has been revised at the same time.

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Aimed at employers and contractors, this guidance gives practical advice on techniques for the safe removal of asbestos containing materials covered by the Asbestos (Licensing) Regulations, ie asbestos insulation, coatings and asbestos insulating board (AIB). The guidance provides information on legal requirements for the removal of asbestos. Research into wet and dry stripping techniques and the effectiveness of respiratory protective equipment (RPE) is also taken into account.



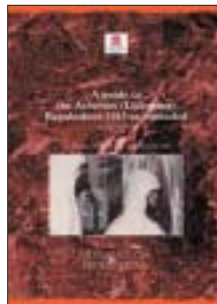
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## A guide to the Asbestos (Licensing) Regulations 1983 - Guidance on Regulations

The Asbestos (Licensing) Regulations 1983 allow HSE and local authority inspectors to identify and closely monitor work with the asbestos materials that pose the greatest risk to people's health. In 1998 HSC issued a consultative document that proposed tightening the laws that apply with asbestos. The Regulations have been amended as a result of this. The most important change is that employers will now normally need a licence issued by HSE before they can carry out work with asbestos insulating board. This legislation came into force 1 August 1999.



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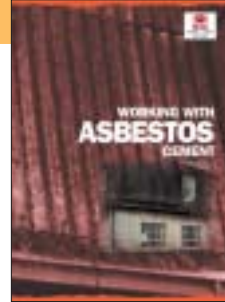
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## Working with asbestos cement

Aimed at anyone who is liable to control or carry out work with asbestos cement, this guidance provides advice on how to identify asbestos cement and the necessary precautions to prevent exposure to asbestos fibres. Guidance is also given on methods for working safely with asbestos cement.

The book will be useful for employers, contract managers, site agents, self-employed builders and contractors involved in construction, maintenance, refurbishment and demolition work.



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## Surveying, sampling and assessment of asbestos-containing materials

This book explains how to survey workplace premises for asbestos containing materials (ACMs) and how best to record the results. It gives advice on how to recognise and sample suspected ACMs and is useful for all those who carry out or commission asbestos surveys.



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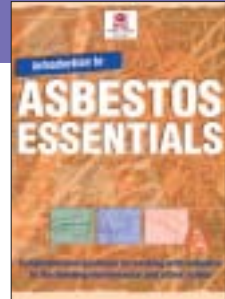
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## Introduction to asbestos essentials

This book is aimed at those who control or carry out maintenance work with ACMs. That includes employers, contract managers, site agents, safety representatives, and self-employed contractors involved in maintaining buildings and associated plant.

The book provides a step-by-step guide to the nature of the material, effects of exposure, gauging risk, site procedures and staff training. It also covers legal requirements and sets out what those responsible must do to ensure the health and safety of maintenance workers who may encounter asbestos. A diagram illustrates the likely location of the most common types of ACMs in a typical building and flow charts are used to clarify procedures



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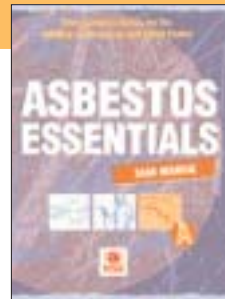
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## Asbestos essentials task manual

This book is aimed at workers involved in building maintenance, repair or refurbishment work and is designed to be taken on-site as a reference guide. It provides clear and concise assistance to those that may come into contact with asbestos during their work such as plumbers, carpenters and electricians.

It will also be useful to other workers not normally associated with the building trade; for example computer installers, cabling installers, fire alarm installers and telecommunications engineers, who may disturb asbestos during their work

The book includes 25 task sheets that focus on common tasks associated with constructions. It also contains eight sheets that describe the equipment and methods pinpointed in the task sheets. A 'stop, think again' approach is advised when workers encounter any materials that may contain asbestos.



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## Selection of suitable respiratory protective equipment for work with asbestos

*\*New edition*

This leaflet is aimed primarily at employers and self-employed contractors throughout the construction and building maintenance industry. It will be useful for people working with asbestos-containing insulation materials, including contractors licenced by HSE.

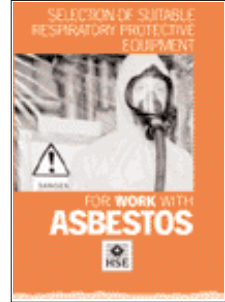
It explains why and when to provide respiratory protective equipment (RPE) and control measures to take before resorting to RPE. The leaflet also advises on selecting suitable equipment, expected exposure concentrations from particular types of work, face piece fit testing, consulting employees, looking after RPE and training and supervision. It also contains a list of common misuses of RPE.

### Leaflet

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## Asbestos dust kills: Keep your mask on:

Guidance for employees on wearing respiratory protective equipment for work with asbestos

This guidance is aimed at employees who work with asbestos and need to wear respiratory protective equipment (RPE). It explains why asbestos is dangerous, what RPE is and what type is needed when you work with asbestos.

It also outlines the responsibilities of employers and employees.

### Leaflet

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## Working with asbestos in buildings

This leaflet is aimed at employees who may disturb asbestos during building maintenance, repair or refurbishment work eg plumbers and electrical installers. It explains the nature of asbestos, the risks from asbestos and how it gets into the body. It also looks at what types of building are likely to contain asbestos, where asbestos is found in buildings and how to protect yourself. The leaflet also outlines the responsibilities of employers.



### Leaflet

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## Asbestos alert for building maintenance, repair and refurbishment workers:

Be aware of asbestos the hidden killer

This pocket card is aimed at employees in building maintenance, repair and refurbishment who may come into contact with ACMs. It offers advice on how to identify asbestos, the risks it presents and what employees should do if asbestos is identified in their workplace. It also outlines employers' responsibilities in handling asbestos in the workplace.



### Pocket card

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## Asbestos building: typical locations for asbestos-containing materials

The 'asbestos building' diagram featured in both *Asbestos essentials* books has proved so popular that HSE Books have now reproduced it as a full-size poster. The diagram uses an illustration of the 'asbestos building,' to show areas where ACMs might typically be found.



The information is aimed at people who own, occupy, manage or have responsibilities for premises that may contain asbestos. It will also be useful to managers in companies who employ maintenance workers, who work in buildings and may come across asbestos in their work.

Poster

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## Asbestos campaign website

A useful site, providing up to date information on the duty to manage, together with details of the supporting awareness campaign.



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