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asbestos essentials

Non-licensed tasks

Essential information

Important: You must read sheet a0 *Introduction to asbestos essentials*

Also read the following sheets:

em0 Risk assessments and plans of work

em1 What to do if you discover or accidentally disturb asbestos during your work

em2 Information, instruction and training

em5 Wetting asbestos materials

em6 Personal protective equipment (including RPE)

em7 Using damp rags to clean surfaces of minor asbestos contamination

em8 Personal decontamination

em9 Disposal of asbestos waste

How to deal with fly-tipped asbestos waste

What this sheet covers

This sheet describes good practice when you recognise fly-tipped material as containing asbestos that you need to deal with.

Preparing the work area

- Restrict access – minimise the number of people present.
- Use tape and notices to warn others.

Equipment

- 1000-gauge polythene sheeting and duct tape
- Warning tape and notices
- Shovel
- Tent pegs
- Garden-type sprayer containing wetting agent, eg diluted washing-up liquid
- Bucket of water and rags
- Asbestos waste bag
- Clear polythene bag
- Asbestos warning stickers

Personal protective equipment (PPE) – see sheet em6

- Provide:
 - disposable overalls fitted with a hood;
 - boots without laces (laced boots are hard to decontaminate);
 - respiratory protective equipment (RPE).



Procedure

- Notify the relevant authority.
- Estimate the amount and type of asbestos waste.
- If the waste is spread around or mixed with non-asbestos material, get an HSE-licensed contractor to deal with it.
- Disposal – see sheet em9.

Other hazards

There may be other hazards – you need to consider them all.



Asbestos waste discarded illegally

Small amount of any asbestos-containing waste

- Dampen and place pieces in an asbestos waste bag.
- Shovel damp residues into the bag.

Large amount of asbestos-containing waste

- Cover the waste securely with 1000-gauge polythene sheet. Peg it down with tent pegs. Attach asbestos warning stickers.
- Mark out an exclusion zone with warning tape.
- If the waste is in an inhabited area, make arrangements to secure the site until it is removed.

Cleaning and disposal

- Clean the equipment with damp rags.
- Put used rags and other waste in the asbestos waste bag and tape it closed.
- Put the asbestos waste bag in a clear polythene bag and tape it closed.
- Disposal – see sheet em9.

Personal decontamination

See sheet em8.

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