

Asbestos Management: Management Briefing

This briefing is for Managers and Dutyholders.

Regulation 4 of The Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 requires dutyholders to “manage the risks from asbestos in Non-Domestic premises”. Dutyholders are those persons or organisations who have maintenance responsibility for the premises, including that arising under a contract or tenancy.

Key responsibilities

Dutyholders should:

- be sufficiently competent to carry out their duties or seek specialist assistance
- make a suitable and sufficient assessment of the risks posed by asbestos in the premises for which they hold a duty
- have and maintain a written Asbestos Management Plan detailing the process and procedures for managing the risks from asbestos
- where the presence of asbestos is possible, arrange for an accredited Inspection Body to inspect their premises to identify Asbestos Containing Materials and assess the risks, or assume all suspect materials are asbestos
- maintain asbestos risk registers for the premises for which they have a duty
- delegate responsibilities for maintaining Asbestos Containing Materials to relevant persons in the organisation and inform them of their responsibilities and provide training
- arrange asbestos awareness training for relevant persons who may undertake work on the premises, which may pose an asbestos risk to be delivered by a suitably competent trainer
- disseminate information regarding Asbestos Containing Materials to relevant persons, such as contractors, in a timely manner and ensure that asbestos will not be disturbed or damaged and ensure contractors' staff have received asbestos awareness training
- control contractors working in their premises to ensure that they are competent and have sufficient procedures in place to avoid disturbing Asbestos Containing Materials.

Legislation

- The Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974
- The Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012
- The Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007.

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