
Asbestos Procedures

On Site:

1. Detect asbestos by knowing the materials that contain it:
 - Vinyl floor tile that are 9" x 9"
 - Vinyl floor tile mastic
 - Plaster, putties and caulk
 - Spray-on fireproofing
 - Pipe insulation, especially trowel applied
 - Troweled on coatings on walls and ceilings
 - Lab bench tops
 - Older fire doors

2. Upon discovery:
 - Stop work
 - Notify your supervisor, Health, Safety and Environment at 410-955-5919 and the Construction Safety Coordinator. Upon their initial assessment, go report to Occupational Health at 410-955-6211. There they will establish medical monitoring and surveillance.
 - If appropriate change clothes and shower.

3. Isolate the area:
 - Wet mop the floor and wet wipe horizontal surfaces, equipment, tools, furniture or any exposed item.
 - Isolate the HVAC from spreading the contamination. Use 1 micron filters over air returns and exhaust.
 - Establish an appropriate barrier such as:
 - A. closing the open wall or ceiling
 - B. plastic tent the area
 - C. use caution tape
 - D. provide signage

4. Based on the initial assessment, the area may need to be monitored by an industrial hygienist. Confirm the airborne level and recommend further isolation measures.

5. Workers have the right to:
 - Working conditions that do not pose a risk of serious harm.
 - Receive information and training about workplace hazards, methods to prevent them, and MOSH standards that apply to their workplace.
 - Review records of work-related injuries and illnesses.
 - Get copies of the test results that find and measure hazards.
 - File a complaint asking MOSH to inspect their workplace if they believe there is a serious hazard or that their employer is not following MOSH's rules.
 - MOSH will keep all identities confidential.
 - Exercise their rights under the law without retaliation or discrimination.

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Project Management:

1. Based on historical information, the project manager will hire an industrial hygienist to investigate and sample the area during design.
2. The results of the investigation will be integrated into the scope of the project documents, which includes the requirement of an independent industrial hygienist to monitor the abatement.
3. The abatement contractor is required to request an outage that requires the State Application for the specific remediation as well as a Notice of Asbestos Abatement that describes the scope, whether it is NESHAP or NON-NESHAP, the name of the independent industrial hygienist, the abatement contractor signature and Maryland License number.
4. The outage also requires that all affected staff and Health, Safety and Environment are notified and acknowledged it in the outage.
5. At the setup of the construction, the contractor will take responsibility to provide all means to guard and inform workers on the site.
6. The industrial hygienist issues daily air quality reports and abatement practices to the project manager.