

## Asbestos Policy & Training Content

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Churchesfire are committed to keeping all of their employees, suppliers and customers safe whilst carrying out their jobs.

Due to the nature of the role performed by our technicians there is a potential risk that they will come into contact with substances that are presumed to be an Asbestos Containing Material (ACM).

All technicians are advised to presume that the material is an ACM until there is evidence that it is not. Churchesfire or will request scrutiny of the client's Asbestos Survey prior to commencing work. This will be viewed by the persons completing works on site.

All technicians receive certificated Asbestos Awareness training through a competent external provider on commencing employment with Churchesfire and their knowledge is refreshed annually to ensure knowledge is retained and best practice is adhered to.

With this in mind all technicians are advised through training and information on what to look out for and to implement the following precautions in the event of discovery of an ACM.

- If uncovering a material that could potentially be an ACM the technicians are to stop work immediately and leave the place of exposure advising the client, Sub Contractors, and any other applicable parties.
- Any contaminated clothing should be removed and placed into a bag. If possible try to wash the exposed person immediately.
- Keep everyone out of the work area that does not need to be there including themselves. Display signage advising Possible Asbestos.
- Take care not to create dust by the work tasks or disturbing existing laying dust.
- Where ever possible dampen the material and keep wet.

Churchesfire will not ask any employee to clean up significant amounts of asbestos but will contract a certificated Asbestos Company to do so.

At no time will Churchesfire technicians

- Break up large pieces of asbestos containing material
- Use high speed power drills, which will create high levels of dust
- Not inform others of the existence of Asbestos where they could be exposed to fibres.
- Take any contaminated clothing home to wash

### Asbestos Training Course Content

- Recognising Asbestos
- How asbestos can affect your health
- The added dangers of smoking
- The uses and likely locations of asbestos in buildings
- What work you are allowed to do by law
- What the law requires you to do
- What methods to use
- What equipment you need to do the job properly

- How to choose, use and look after personal protective equipment
- Recognizing and dealing with other dangers, such as working at height
- Decontamination of themselves and their work areas
- Emergency procedures
- Waste disposal