

10 Simple Steps to Complying with Asbestos Abatement

Many homes built up until 1990 used products containing asbestos. Before you begin renovations or start demolishing an older home, follow these guidelines below to ensure the safe detection and removal of asbestos.

- 1** A pre-1990 house/building is to be demolished or renovated.
- 2** The building owner (or owner's representative) or the employer (e.g., builder, demolition contractor) retains a competent person (typically a consultant) to complete an asbestos inventory and control plan before conducting work where asbestos may be disturbed.
- 3** The competent person inspects the house/building, collects representative bulk samples, and has the samples analyzed by an accredited laboratory.
- 4** The competent person prepares an asbestos inventory that identifies all locations, conditions and types of asbestos, with an asbestos control plan and scope of work for the abatement of the asbestos.
- 5** The asbestos inventory and control plan are provided to the owner/employer. The control plan would indicate emergency contacts and safe work procedures and must be available at the worksite whenever workers are on site.
- 6** The owner or employer retains trained asbestos abatement workers. A notice of asbestos work is submitted to Workplace Safety and Health before commencement of asbestos removal work.
- 7** Safe removal and disposal of identified asbestos occurs.
- 8** After the asbestos removal has been completed, the owner or employer receives written confirmation that an air clearance has been conducted and that the abated area is ready for occupancy. A copy of the asbestos inventory and control plan is on site.
- 9** The owner (or owner's representative) authorizes demolition of the house/building to proceed. The demolition employer proceeds to demolish the house using safe work procedures. Copies of the asbestos inventory, control plan and post-abatement reports are on site.
- 10** If any asbestos is found during demolition, all work is to cease until a risk assessment is done and the asbestos is safely contained or removed. In this case, go back to step 7.



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