

Total Asbestos Management

Safeguarding against exposure



Overview

Currently between 3500 and 4000 die every year from asbestos-related diseases and by the year 2020 it is predicted that 625,000 deaths directly related to asbestos exposure will have occurred.

The disturbance of asbestos-containing materials (ACM) is still occurring but all these incidents and the exposures they cause are avoidable by using one simple process – an Asbestos Management Plan. Unless an adequate assessment has been made of the risks from ACM and steps taken to ensure they are not disturbed, then these exposures will continue to put building occupants and users at risk.

According to Regulation 4 of the Control of Asbestos Regulations (CAR 2006), if you own, occupy, manage or have responsibility for property you have a legal duty to assess and manage the risk from ACM. You must take reasonable steps to identify ACM, if necessary, by presuming the presence of asbestos until proven otherwise.

The cornerstone of an Asbestos Management Plan is an Asbestos Register. This will list areas where ACM are present, highlight the risks posed and make recommendations. More often than not the ACM can remain in situ. In our experience, the majority of asbestos within buildings is not high risk.

Bureau Veritas Hazardous Materials

Bureau Veritas Hazardous Materials is a specialist business within Bureau Veritas, the leading provider of independent verification and advice in areas of quality, health and safety, environment and social accountability. Bureau Veritas Hazardous Materials provides a complete range of asbestos management services enabling dutyholders to comply with the necessary regulations and deal with asbestos safely. Our range of services from the surveying and identification of asbestos to the supervision of removal provides clients with a turnkey solution for all asbestos-related problems.

UKAS accredited for:-

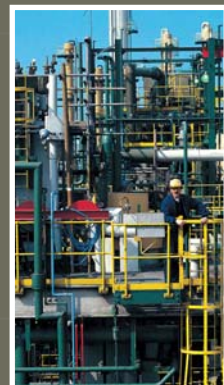
- Asbestos building surveys to ISO 17020
- Asbestos priority assessments to ISO 17020
- Air and bulk sampling to ISO 17025
- Air testing and bulk analysis to ISO 17025

Other services include:-

- Bespoke Asbestos Management Plans
- Project specific inspections and risk assessments
- Compliance with CAR 2006
- Management software and web-based systems
- Procurement and management of abatement works
- Licensed supervision and monitoring of abatement works



Move Forward with Confidence



We provide the following asbestos-related services to a broad spectrum of commercial, industrial and public sector clients:-

Asbestos Management Plans

An Asbestos Management Plan is an over-riding policy which describes all arrangements with regards to asbestos in your premises. It will state whether a survey has been carried out, what the results are and how any ACM present can be managed. It will also detail how building work is controlled to avoid the disturbance of these items and how visitors to your premises, including contractors, are made aware of the arrangements you have put in place. You need this plan to comply with Regulation 4; a survey by itself does not constitute compliance.

Software Systems

Bureau Veritas Hazardous Materials can offer a range of asbestos management software. Databases are designed to incorporate digital images, CAD drawings and operate on either stand alone PCs or across an industry standard network. An optional facility is to have a web-based application for display on an Internet or Intranet system.

Survey and Risk Assessments

Should you need an asbestos survey (whether Type 1, 2 or 3 as defined in MDHS 100), this will enable you to identify the presence and nature of asbestos installations within a location and determine the associated risks. The survey can then be used to produce a register that lists the condition, product type, surface treatment and asbestos type, as well as recommendations and timescales for action.

Project Management

Our team are able to supervise and project manage asbestos removal and remedial work, ensuring that the work is carried out in accordance with all current legislation and approved codes of practice. We are highly experienced in designing specifications for removal and procuring the work on behalf of clients. Bureau Veritas Hazardous Materials has an HSE Supervisory Licence for such works. Our on-site analysts will carry out air monitoring during the works to ensure compliance with CAR 2006 and complete the four stage clearance at the end to enable a Certificate of Reoccupation to be issued.

Health and Safety Legislation

With over 20 years experience in asbestos consultancy, our experts can provide guidance and advice on complying with the legislative framework, codes of practice and guidance notes covering asbestos. Regulations cover not only persons employed directly or indirectly by the company concerned, but also any incidental or accidental asbestos exposure to members of the public. Breaches of legislation can lead to prosecution resulting in heavy fines or even imprisonment and so robust and compliant risk assessments are imperative. Our capability extends to providing expert witness statements and testimony in relation to asbestos-related incidents.

Training

We provide client and contractor training and briefing sessions covering health hazards, identification, sampling, survey and abatement techniques, safe working practices, legislation and risk assessments. Bureau Veritas Hazardous Materials is also an approved course provider of the BOHS asbestos proficiency modules.

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