



Croydon Hills Primary School

Asbestos Management

Rationale

Asbestos is a potentially lethal material often contained in construction materials found in existing school buildings. Due to the potentially hazardous nature of asbestos it needs to be effectively managed.

Policy Statement

Our aim is to provide a school environment safe from the potentially harmful effects of asbestos. Any asbestos contained in existing buildings will be safely managed.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure all risks associated with hazardous building materials within the school are identified and managed.

Definitions

Asbestos: Fibrous forms of mineral silicates belonging to the serpentine and amphibole groups of rock-forming minerals.

Hazard: Anything with the potential to cause harm, injury, illness or loss.

Hazardous Building Materials: Materials, in addition to asbestos, including PCBs, SMFs and lead paint.

Approved Asbestos Analyst: A person trained to identify asbestos and complete asbestos fibre counts.

Implementation

- Consult with Health and Safety Representatives (HSR) and employees if this hazard is suspected
- Arrange for a competent person to identify the presence of hazardous building materials in the workplace through a hazardous material audit and provide you with a formal report;
- If asbestos is present at the school the Principal appoints a person to act as School Asbestos Co-ordinator within the school and follow the Asbestos Management Plan;
- Inform the OHS Advisory Service (1300 074 715) of the identification of hazardous building materials at the worksite. They will advise you in relation to its handling and removal;
- If reasonably practicable indicate hazardous building materials by labelling;
- Ensure that any contractors or others entering the workplace, who may be exposed to these materials are provided with the formal report outlined above to inform them of the presence and location of the hazardous materials;
- Update the local OHS Risk Register after any works are carried out to control the materials;
- Only use certified contractors to carry out any hazardous building materials removal work; and
- Monitor the condition of the hazardous materials on a regular basis and be sure to update the local OHS Risk Register should there be a change in its condition



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- All State School buildings have been audited for asbestos. This audit is known as a Part 5 Audit and identifies the presence of asbestos or any other hazardous materials. This report can be accessed by the Principal on eduweb. The school's OHS representative is to be given a copy of this report.

References

Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004

Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2007

National Standard and Code of Practice 1990 - Synthetic Mineral Fibre

Code of Practice for the Management and Control of Asbestos in Workplaces (NOHSC: 2018 (2005))

DEECD Regional OHS/WorkCover Advisors

DEECD Guidelines on Asbestos Management and School Asbestos Management Plan 2008

Victorian Government Schools Reference Guide, Section 7.24.8.1

Managing asbestos in workplaces - Compliance Code

Removing asbestos in workplaces - Compliance Code

Review

This policy will be reviewed as part of the cyclical review process of the school or if DEECD guidelines change.