

Asbestos: Know the Facts Before Renovation or Demolition

Finding asbestos containing materials (ACMs) unexpectedly during a renovation or demolition project can quickly sidetrack any construction schedule and budget. Furthermore, accidentally disturbing ACMs can lead to extensive contamination and costly cleanups. You can eliminate the chance of unplanned and unpleasant asbestos-related surprises by initiating a comprehensive inspection and abatement program prior to renovating or razing.

Look Before You Leap.

A comprehensive asbestos survey conducted by a state-licensed inspector is the foundation of a successful abatement program. To identify all ACMs, buildings are visually inspected and suspect materials (such as those listed below) are sampled as needed for definitive asbestos testing.

Based on the quantity, type, and condition of each ACM, a site-specific abatement design is developed by an asbestos project manager for all materials potentially disturbed by renovation or demolition. The design is then used to guide state-licensed asbestos contractors during the abatement process to ensure that all materials are handled properly.

Experienced Management: A Must.

Without professional planning, abatement programs can result in costly project overruns.

An experienced asbestos project manager makes sure that all phases of the project - from building inspection, to abatement design, ACM removal, and subcontractor oversight - are completed on time and on budget.

An Alternative Strategy.

Proper management of undisturbed ACMs is a cost-effective alternative to removal. Any materials not affected by renovation or demolition can be left in place - indefinitely. Once a comprehensive building inspection and assessment is conducted, a management plan for remaining ACMs can be developed. This plan details how and when periodic inspections, minor repairs, and maintenance operations should be conducted.

We Can Help.

Environmental Compliance Services, Inc.'s (ECS) licensed asbestos inspectors, management planners, designers and project monitors have completed countless successful abatement programs.

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