

# >> TOOLBOX TALK - Asbestos: Part 2

This "Asbestos: Part 2" toolbox talk discusses various requirements regarding asbestos according to the Newfoundland and Labrador Asbestos Exposure Code Regulations and the Newfoundland and Labrador Asbestos Abatement Regulations, 1998. **For general asbestos awareness information and common uses of asbestos in the residential and industrial sectors, see the previous toolbox talk called "Asbestos: Part 1".**

## What is Required When Dealing with Asbestos?

- A written hazardous materials survey must be completed for any building that was built during the time when asbestos was readily used (prior to early 1980's) or in any building where asbestos containing materials are suspected.
- An owner or contractor must notify The Occupational Health and Safety Division of Service NL, prior to starting any work where asbestos might be disturbed.
- Asbestos containing materials must be removed from any building, by a government approved Abatement Contractor, prior to demolition.
- All work that has the potential to disturb asbestos must also be carried out by an approved asbestos abatement contractor.
- Owners/contractors must establish and implement a written Asbestos Abatement program, to reduce the risk of exposure to workers, that meets the requirements of the Newfoundland and Labrador Asbestos Abatement Regulations, 1998. The program will identify the requirements for:
  - notifying the government
  - training workers
  - identification of asbestos containing materials
  - workplace assessment
  - asbestos management plan/risk reduction procedures
  - preparation of work area
  - removal procedures
  - encapsulation and enclosure of asbestos containing materials
  - air monitoring
  - respiratory protection and other personal protective equipment
  - personal hygiene
  - decontamination
  - cleanup
  - transport and disposal
  - employee records and document control.

If, while working in an older home or building, you come into contact with a substance that looks fibrous and could potentially contain asbestos you should:

- Stop work immediately **and**
- **Either** contact an environmental company to complete asbestos sampling in the work area **or** contact a registered abatement contractor to abate the area through proper removal of the asbestos.

### References:

- Newfoundland and Labrador Asbestos Exposure Code Regulations
- Newfoundland and Labrador Asbestos Abatement Regulations, 1998

Complete and attach Toolbox Talk Meeting Form and process as per company policy.



## TOOLBOX MEETING FORM

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ No. in Crew: \_\_\_\_\_ No. Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Review Last Meeting:

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	Names of Attendees (Signature Required)
<b>Topics Discussed (policies, practices, procedures, hazard assessment):</b>	
<b>Suggestions Offered:</b>	
<b>Action(s) to be Taken:</b>	
<b>Injuries/Accidents Reviewed:</b>	

Supervisor's Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_