

Asbestos Survey Guidance for Contractors, Architects, Building Owners and Property Managers

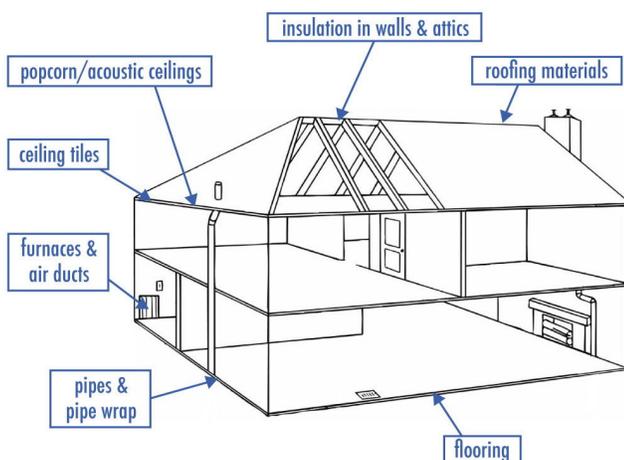
Asbestos Surveys are Required before Building Demolitions and Renovations

The Code of Federal Regulations contains a section covering several hazardous substances. These are referred to as the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants or NESHAP. One section of the NESHAP is devoted to **ASBESTOS** and has been adopted in our District Rule 424. The Federal Asbestos NESHAP regulates asbestos **renovations** and building **demolitions**, and is a cradle to grave tracking and handling regulation for hazardous asbestos materials. The intent is to eliminate asbestos fiber releases from demolition and renovation activities. Regulated facilities including many residential buildings are covered by this regulation, which requires thorough inspection and survey for asbestos containing materials before any renovation or demolition work begins.

Significant Penalties Exist for Violations of Asbestos Rules and Regulations

Besides the Asbestos NESHAP, OSHA and other codes, also require these asbestos surveys for regulatory compliance and waste disposal. Contractors and building owners conducting demolitions and renovations must assure asbestos surveys have been conducted by licensed asbestos consultants before disturbing materials that might contain asbestos. Since asbestos has not been completely banned, it is still used in some building materials to this day, and imported from other countries in products that may not even list the asbestos content. **Significant penalties exist for failures of these regulations.**

Asbestos materials can be present in almost any building



Note: This diagram does not show all possible uses and locations of asbestos containing materials (ACM). A thorough inspection and survey is needed to identify ACM.

Asbestos containing materials can be found in, but not limited to; **flooring, wall textures, ceilings, roofing, exterior siding, and insulating materials** in attics or heating system components.

Testing for Asbestos will help to:

- Protect People's Health
- Assure Regulatory Compliance
- Limit Legal Liability

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