

# ASBESTOS & HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

GREENCAP CAN ASSIST IN DEVELOPING A RANGE OF SYSTEMS AND RISK CONTROL STRATEGIES TO MEET COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS IN THE WORKPLACE

The management of asbestos and hazardous materials and products in workplaces is widely legislated across Australia. Achieving the standards of work health and safety of employees, contractors and the general public is the basis of managing your asbestos obligations as a duty holder. Asbestos can be a very emotive issue and as such appropriate management and control of the risks associated with it are essential for organisations.

Greencap has built a wealth of experience and expertise since its beginning as an asbestos consultancy in 1984. Partnering with clients, Greencap assists in the development of a range of systems and risk control strategies to meet compliance requirements, providing effective solutions to manage asbestos and hazardous material risk issues in the workplace.

Greencap undertake just about everything other than removal of asbestos – from the initial identification through to risk assessment/management advice, project management of removal works and air monitoring/clearances.

**Various legislation exists across the states and territories, however all PCBUs or controllers of the workplace must:**

- Identify asbestos or asbestos containing material (ACM) presence and location (e.g through an asbestos register/risk assessment)
- Review and maintain the asbestos registers prior to and post any demolition / refurbishment work or the material condition changes, and at least once every five years
- Control & review the risk associated with the presence of asbestos, by preparing an Asbestos Management Plan
- Clearly indicate the presence and location of asbestos or ACM, usually by labelling
- Ensure all asbestos samples analysis is to be conducted by a NATA-accredited laboratory
- Engage licensed asbestos removal contractors to conduct asbestos removal works for the removal of non-friable ACM >10m<sup>2</sup> and all friable asbestos material
- Appoint a competent person or asbestos assessor to undertake a clearance inspection for all non-friable asbestos removal works >10m<sup>2</sup>
- Engage a Independent Licenced Asbestos Assessor / Competent person to conduct Asbestos Fibre Air Monitoring and Clearance Inspections for all friable asbestos removal works
- Arrange health monitoring and surveillance for those working with asbestos materials
- Conduct Asbestos Awareness Training for workers who may be involved in asbestos-related work



Greencap has the largest network of NATA accredited Asbestos Testing Laboratories in Australia.

**Greencap services include:**

- Audits & Registers
- Sampling & Accredited Laboratory Services
- Asbestos Management Plans
- Clearances and Air Monitoring
- Abatement Project Management
- Exposure Risk Assessment / Expert Witness
- Online Solutions to manage risk
- Workforce Asbestos and Hazardous Materials Training

**Laboratory Asbestos Analysis and Monitoring**

Greencap's on-site and mobile laboratories are accredited by the world-recognised NATA. Laboratory analysis of samples suspected of containing asbestos is the most common method of positively identifying asbestos. Accurate determination of asbestos assists employers prevent exposure to airborne asbestos fibres during demolition and refurbishment activities, and within a 'normal' work environment.

**Services include:**

- Asbestos identification in bulk, soil and dust samples by polarised light microscopy
- Asbestos Fibre Counting by phase contrast microscopy
- Crystalline silica (mass) - Quartz by XRD
- Inhalable and Respirable Dust by Gravimetry
- Mobile "Lab in a van" and field laboratory services
- Permission to import asbestos for analysis
- Serpentine identification in bulk samples by XRD
- Soil asbestos analysis conducted in accordance with NEPM
- Synthetic Mineral Fibre Counting by phase contrast microscopy



**Muddy Boots Asbestos Training\***

Muddy Boots Asbestos Training provides industry-leading asbestos training both in person and virtually to equip workers with the required skills in asbestos awareness or removal.

**Muddy Boots Workforce Training courses include:**

- Online Contractors Asbestos Awareness
- Online Asbestos Awareness
- Asbestos Management Responsibilities
- Asbestos Management Plans
- Asbestos Handling *(designed for people working with less than 10 m2 of asbestos)*
- Lead Awareness
- Mould Awareness
- Silica Awareness

*\*Non-Accredited.*

For further information on these services go to:  
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