



Maintenance Contractors

Frequently Asked Questions about asbestos

Q: What are my responsibilities?

A: Maintenance Contractors have a responsibility to ensure any work that will disturb asbestos containing material (e.g. removal, maintenance work or the installation/alteration of services) is undertaken in accordance with all relevant Codes of Practice, legislative requirements and issued instructions.

In particular, the Maintenance Contractor is required to:

- access the Asbestos Register when advised that ACM is identified or presumed at a property;
- access the Asbestos Management Plan;
- advise the Housing Authority of any identified and unreported asbestos containing materials;
- be authorised by the Housing Authority to carry out works before commencing any work in an area where asbestos containing material is present or presumed to be present and may be disturbed during the course of the work;
- ensure the work performed is in accordance with the Works Order/Purchase Order issued by the Housing Authority; and
- employ prescribed work methods and ensure that its workers have received instruction and training on working safely with asbestos containing material.

Q: How can I access the Asbestos Register?

A: Go to <http://www.housing.wa.gov.au/contractors/supplyingtohousing/asbestosmanagementandregister/Pages/default.aspx> . There is a document under Related Information showing how to access and print asbestos register reports.