

## Asbestos Survey Requirements

All commercial buildings regardless of construction date and residential buildings constructed before 2004 must have an asbestos survey conducted by an accredited inspector prior to any demolition or renovation activities, with one main exception. Owner-occupants of a single family home doing their own home renovation work are exempt from this rule.

A copy of the asbestos survey must be on-site during all renovation or demolition activities, and must be provided to DEQ upon request.

### Demolition and renovation

Demolition is defined as wrecking that involves the removal of any load-supporting component or intentional burning.

Renovation is defined as altering one or more building components that does not involve removing a load-supporting component. Renovation includes the replacement, stripping, or repair of building components, such as mechanical ventilation systems, pipes, ceilings, walls, flooring, and insulating materials.

### Who can perform the survey?

Only an accredited inspector may perform the asbestos survey. An accredited inspector must complete training and maintain accreditation.

For training courses, contact PBS Environmental Building Consultants at 503-248-1939 or Asbestos Training Project at 503-233-7707.

### What does the survey involve?

DEQ generally requires a sample of each type of material suspected to contain asbestos to be collected and analyzed at a laboratory before any demolition or renovation activity.

When complete demolition or extensive renovation is planned, an asbestos survey of the entire facility is required. When partial renovation is planned, such as a kitchen remodel, a survey is required for that area of the structure only. If a single material, such as sheet vinyl flooring is to be removed, a sample of each layer of flooring needs to be collected and analyzed or the material can be presumed to contain asbestos. When a single material is involved, an accredited inspector is not required.

### An asbestos survey report includes all of the following:

- Dates the asbestos survey was performed
- A copy of the accredited inspectors certificate and their phone numbers
- The project site address and location where the survey was performed
- The facility owner or operator's name and phone
- Description of the facility or area surveyed, including past and current use, area square footage, approximate construction date and number of floors
- The purpose of the asbestos survey
- Description of any limitation of the asbestos survey
- A table listing all of the materials sampled and identified as asbestos-containing or presumed asbestos-containing including the percent asbestos and type of asbestos, description of the material color, texture and pattern, the location of the material, description of the material condition, identification of the material as friable or nonfriable and the approximate quantity of the material;
- A recommended response action
- A complete copy of the laboratory report

### Additional information

Visit [www.oregon.gov/deq/Hazards-and-Cleanup/Pages/Asbestos-Information.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/deq/Hazards-and-Cleanup/Pages/Asbestos-Information.aspx)

An asbestos survey may not be required if the project meets certain conditions. If you have questions or need technical assistance, contact asbestos program staff.

If asbestos-containing materials are disturbed or mishandled, the public and the environment may be exposed to asbestos fibers. Violations of asbestos rules and statues may subject the property owner or operator or the contractor to civil penalties.

### Alternative formats

Documents can be provided upon request in an alternate format for individuals with disabilities or in a language other than English for people with limited English skills. To request a document in another format or language, call DEQ in Portland at 503-229-5696, or toll-free in Oregon at 1-800-452-4011, ext. 5696; or email [deqinfo@deq.state.or.us](mailto:deqinfo@deq.state.or.us)



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### Asbestos Program

#### Contact Information:

Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Multnomah, Tillamook and Washington Counties, call the **Northwest Region – Portland Office** at 503-229-5982, 503-229-5364 or 800-452-4011.

Benton, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Polk and Yamhill Counties, call the **Western Region – Salem Office** at 503-378-5086 or 800-349-7677.

Jackson, Josephine and Eastern Douglas Counties, call the **Western Region – Medford Office** at 541-776-6107 or 877-823-3216.

Coos, Curry and Western Douglas Counties, call the **Western Region – Coos Bay Office** at 541-269-2721, ext. 222.

Crook, Deschutes, Harney, Hood River, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Sherman and Wasco Counties, call the **Eastern Region – Bend Office** at 541-633-2019 or 866-863-6668.

Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa and Wheeler Counties, call the **Eastern Region – Pendleton Office** at 541-278-4626 or 800-304-3513.

Lane County, call the **Lane Regional Air Protection Agency** at 541-736-1056.